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THE DEGGE FAMILY OF STAFFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND,  
AND THE AMERICAN BRANCHES

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## DEGGE FAMILY

The Diggs family of Anson County, North Carolina, is descended from Thomas Degge of Strongshall [Stramshall?], Co. Stafford, England, near Uttoxeter, where he is buried. The following pages trace the lineage back to Hugh Degge, who lived in the time of Richard II (1377-1399). The first of this family to come to America was John Degge, who came to Gloucester County, Virginia, where he was granted 1425 acres 16 April 1693.

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The Diggs family of which Colonel Cole Digges (b. 1692, d. 1744) was a member, is a different family from that described in the above paragraph. Colonel Cole Digges was a member of the Virginia Council in 1719 and sometimes president thereof. He was a descendant of Leonard Digges (b. at Digges' Court, Kent, Eng., d. 1574).

The following is a letter from Charles Francis Gordon, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, England, dated 11 November 1893, written to William H. Degges in the course of his investigation in tracing the Degge family:

"My cousin, the Rev. Francis Staunton, has asked me to answer your letter of Sept. last for him, so I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you.

"I am afraid we cannot help you much in connecting the Degge Families. I enclose a copy of a monument in Staunton Church, which shows our connection with the Degges, also a paper written by my uncle, Mr. George Gordon, which contains all he knows of the Degge Family; I have also asked two of my friends who are great at genealogy, and one says you cannot have any authority better than 'Sir Thomas Phillip's Collection' and that as you have extracts from that he does not know what else to recommend; and the other advises searching at Derby for registers and then Somerset House for wills as the only sure way of tracing a pedigree.

"I also enclose the Arms and Crest of Degge according to Bourke's Armoury, the arms are the same as in the sketch you sent with the exception of the charge below the bend; I fancied from your drawing that there is a Helmet (full faced open) and Mantling in your old painting, if so might they not be the Arms of Sir Simon Degge as Knight bears the Helmet full faced and open? I cannot help thinking that some of the sons of Simon Degge (who married Jane Staunton for his 2nd wife) by his 1st wife (if he had any) might have settled in America. I should say the Derby registers would be the most likely place to find out if he had any sons by his 1st wife.

"If I can be of any further assistance to you I should be most happy, but I am afraid the connecting link is almost too far back to be recovered; but I should be delighted to hear that you had succeeded, and I only wish I could have done more for you. I hope that you may be successful in your searches.

"In copying out the inscription I find Simon Degge of Derby had three sons by his first wife. (See chart on later pages.)"

Enclosure from George Gordon, Esq., reads:

"I know nothing of the Degge family except their connection with the Stauntons. I enclose the inscription on a monument in this church--I do not think it possible to find out what were the names of the brothers and sisters of Sir Simon Degge. Under the lineage of the Sitwells of Stainsby in the County of Derby who are descended from the Degges (a Wilmot having married a Degge) is this note, 'Simon







Degge (the father of Mrs. Wilmot) was grandson and his daughter Dorothy eventually the sole descendant of Sir Simon Degge of Stramshallet which place the Degges were resident from the 11th of Sd. 2nd.... The Wilmots took the name of Sitwell in pursuance of the will of a Miss Sitwell.

"The Parish register of Stramshail is the only source I know of to ascertain the names of the brothers of Sir Simon Degge."

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INSCRIPTION ON A MONUMENT IN STAUNTON CHURCH

"To the memory of Jane Degge, 10 years the second wife, and 41 years the widow of Simon Degge, of Derby, Esq., who died 29 March 1757, aged 74, and of Harvey Degge his fifth, her second son, Fellow of Trinity College Cambridge, who died 22 May 1733 aged 25. He was the grandson, she the youngest of the four daughters and coheirs of Harvey Staunton, Esq. the last of that beloved family, Lord of this Manor. They both lie under the same gravestone in the aisle opposite hereunto."

"This memorial of the place of the Sepulchre of his Mother and brother, was erected by Staunton Degge, Rector of this church."

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ARMS AND CREST OF DEGGE (Bourke's Armoury)

DEGGE. (Derbyshire and Callow Hill, Co. Stafford) - Or (gold) on a bend az. (blue) three falcons mounting argent (silver), jessed and belled of the first (gold).

CREST. - On a ducal coronet or. a falcon close ar. jessed and belled of the last (silver).

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Excerpts from a letter written to William H. Degges by Evelyn M. Brakspear, 95 St. Peter's Street, St. Albans, Herts, England 24 July 1914:

"...I sent you the list of Staffordshire wills from the earliest down to 1600, together with the will of 'Phaeles' Degge. I have now searched the lists of wills at Somerset House from the earliest (1383) down to 1650, the date at which the list, originally sent you, began.

"There are, alas, no fresh wills, so that now we have practically exhausted, as far as I can see, all the information to be got from that source. In the same letter I proposed searching at the Public Record Office, the lists of those paying Poll Taxes and Lay Subsidies for Staffordshire.

"I have searched them from the reign of Edward III down to Elizabeth's reign as I hoped by this means to fill in the earlier part of the pedigree. (see pedigree beginning with Hugh Degge on later page). I searched eleven long rolls, either for the county or for the district taking in Uttoxeter and those parts but I am sorry to say find very few instances of the name.







"However, in some cases the account being for the whole county and in one, that of a poll tax of 1377 containing only collectors' names, we cannot look upon the information as quite conclusive.

"The years for which there are lists and which I have searched are: 1332, 1340, 1345, 1377, 1440, 1524, 1536, 1542, 1544, 1545, 1547, down to the reign of Elizabeth.

It struck me as very interesting, as well as important that in a subsidy for 1332, we get the name 'William de Egge.' He was of Caverwall, which I see is about nine miles northwest of Uttoxeter. I see no reason why this should not be the early spelling of the name, which may have become corrupted into 'D'Egge' and then 'Degge.' If this is correct, I think it is the earliest mention we get of the name, as the earliest given in Erdeswick's History of Staffordshire is that of Hugh Deg temp. Ric. II (1377-1399) father of William Degge, 1401. Why should not this William de Egge be the father of Hugh and Grandfather of William?

"In 1524 we get on a Subsidy Roll a 'Christopher Ege' and again in 1547 a 'William Egge.' These may have been cases where the 'de' was gradually lost altogether. Norton was the locality in which both lived, and it is about 20 miles northwest of Uttoxeter and therefore about 11 from Caverswall.

"I have now finished searching under name of plaintiffs all the Chancery Proceedings that are indexed, viz: from 1558 to 1660 and a series called 'Before 1714' and have taken abstracts of any Degge suits.

"Whether it would be worth spending time over searching these indexes under defendants' names, which are, of course, not in alphabetical order, I leave to you; but I did get a reference given me to one suit in which a Degge was a defendant and will enclose it with the others. (Note--these abstracts follow each name in the pedigree to which they refer and will be found on following pages.)

"I see there is a Muster Roll for Staffordshire of Henry VIII's reign and also the Agincourt Muster Roll of 1415, which might be worth looking at.

"I think also that the fines for Staffordshire from 1500 to 1540 should be examined. There are no indexes to these fines at that date, but the documents themselves are not large and would not take a great while to search. (Note--If William H. Degges had these searches made, the present compiler does not find the result in his notes.) They begin in the reign of Henry II so that if the first search were successful, it could be gradually carried back. These fines are often very useful, as yielding information at an early period when it is difficult to learn much. They are so called from the words with which they begin: 'Finalis Concordia'--The document was an amicable agreement between parties, by which freehold property might be transferred or settled. As you now have a practically proved pedigree from 1537 down, the earlier history becomes particularly important."

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HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF THE TOWN AND NEIGHBOURHOOD  
OF UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

by  
Francis Rodfern

SIR SIMON DEGGE, KNIGHT, JUDGE, AND ANTIQUARY

Sir Symon Degge, Knight, was descended from Hugh Degge gent. of Stramshall, who lived in the time of Richard II. Sir Symon Degge was born at Uttoxeter 15th January 1512 and was educated for the law, in which profession he was much distinguished, and practiced in Doctor's Commons as a civilian. The fact of Sir Symon's birth at Uttoxeter is attested in the handwriting of his son, Doctor Symon Degge, in the copy of Dr. Plott's "Natural History of Staffordshire" in Cambridge University Library. He says on the margin of page 313 that Sir Symon Degge died in the 92nd year of his age, and that he was born at Uttoxeter, a town remarkable for the great age of its inhabitants.

Owing to his eminent legal attainments, King Charles II appointed Sir Symon Degge judge of West Wales, a position which he retained for a period of 14 years; after resigning this post he became counsel in the war of Wales during the space of 12 years, an appointment to which he was also preferred by the same king. He received his discharge from this office on his own petition, when he entered the commission of the peace for the counties of Derby and Stafford, and became at the same time recorder of Derby. He was in the commission of the peace 12 years, but the recordship of Derby he held 39 years. In 1675 he was High Sheriff for the county of Derby. At the same time, he was in a great practice as a barrister, and he is said to have served in a barrister's gown with a sword at his side. In the churchwardens' accounts of the parish of St. Warburgh, Derby, this entry occurs in reference to Sir Symon Degge: "Paid for a warrant and copy of it to remove Sarah Moore 1s. 6d. pd Symon Degg's man for sealing it 6d." "Account of what money we laid forth at the session when the dispute was with Mark Heston about Sarah Moore as followeth given Sir Simon Degge for his fee 5s. 1d." At that time he probably occupied Babbington House. Sir Symon was the author of two distinct legal treatises entitled "The Parson's Counsellor" and "The Law of Tithes and Tithing," dedicated to his son-in-law, the Rev. Anthony Trollope, rector of Norbury. His legal opinions are quoted by Coke in his Ecclesiastical Law. These works have been republished under the editorship of Mr. Ellis.

Sir Symon Degge is, however, principally known as an eminent antiquary. He wrote copious manuscript notes to his own copy of Plott's "Natural History of Staffordshire," which is now in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge, and to Erdeswick's "Survey of Staffordshire" about the year 1660, in which appeared his remarkable letter on Abbey Lands, and with some of these notes I have been kindly favoured for use in this volume.

Sir Symon Degge was twice married. His first wife was a daughter of Richard Drunden, Esq., of Shenstone Hall. She died July 2, 1652, aged 42 years. His second wife, whom he married Dec. 7, 1652, was Alice, daughter of Anthony Oldfield, Esq. of Spalding, widow of James Trollope, Esq. Sir Symon Degge resided at some period in the old fortified house at Fenny Bentley and died at Blythe Bridge Hall at the age of 92 years, and his remains were buried in the chapel on the north side of Kingstone Church, which was taken down in 1861. In 1855, Sir Symon was living at Callowhill when he compounded for his estate for - 007 00s. 00d.







The accompanying engraving represents the interesting fortified house of the 13th century of Sir Symon Degge at Bentley. The name of Sir Symon is cut on the lead at the top of the tower, in which there is a curious spiral flight of steps conducting nearly to the top.

His son, Dr. Symon Degge, was a physician at Derby, living in the parish of Allhallows, and like his father he possessed a taste for antiquarian pursuits. He was the discoverer of Roman antiquities at Fenny Bentley, Derbyshire, as well as of antiquities in other parts of that county. He was the purchaser of the manor of Marchington and Agardsley from Charles Egerton, Esq., and the Earl of Bridgewater. Although the last male descendant of Sir Symon Degge is stated to have died in 1812, there are now persons of the name in Uttoxeter claiming male descent from him. There are also descendants in America, one being on the Surgeon General's Staff in Washington. (Note by present compiler: This was William H. Degges who collected these present notes of the family.)

The above is the fullest and most correct account of any yet given of this distinguished man.

The following are inscriptions to Sir Symon Degge and his wives which I carefully copied from three tablets that were in the old church at Kingstone, but all of which have since become obliterated by exposure to the atmosphere:

"Here lyeth the body of Sir Symon Degge, Knt. who was judge of West Wales, to Civri the 2nd XIV years, and of the same King, Counsel in the War of Wales 12 years, and then upon his petition (his) discharge he was in the commission of peace for the counties of Derby and Stafford, and Recorder of Derby above thirty-five years. Was born Jany. vth, MDCIXII, Dyed February X, MDCICII."

On the right side of the slab bearing the above is another slab, with an inscription to the second wife of Sir Symon Degge:

"Here lies the body of Dame Alice Degge, daughter of Anthony Oldfield, of Spalding, Lincolnshire, Esq., and second wife of Sir Symon Degge. Was born and christened June xxvth, MDCIXIV. Died March xxxth, MDCIXCVI."

The following inscription to Sir Symon Degge's first wife, and other persons, was on a stone which was fixed in the north side of a chapel projecting from the nave and said to have been built by Sir Symon Degge:

"Against this place, in the body of the church, was buried the bodies of William Whitehall, Gent., who died 12 March 1615, aged 83, and Elizabeth, his wife, formerly the wife of Thos Degg, of Stramshall, gent., great grandmother of Sir Symon Degg, ye byilt this chapel. She died 10 June 1620 aged 94, and Symon Whitehall, their son, gent., who died 17 May 1630, aged 63; and Letice, his wife, who died 20 October 1643, aged 97; and Dame, first wife of the said Sir Symon Degg, who died 2 July 1652, aged 42 years."

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The arms of Degge are: Or (gold) on a bend azure three falcons mounting. Argent(silver), fesses and bales of the field. Crest: On a ducal coronet, a falcon reclaimed, arg. (silver).

"All the above inscriptions have perished since I copied them."

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DEGGE PEDIGREE

Lay Subsidies, Staffordshire, England.

$\frac{177}{2}$	6 Edward III A. D. 1332 <u>Caverwall</u> William de Egge xvi d.
$\frac{177}{92}$	16 Henry VII A. D. 1525 Horton---Crystoffer Ege, in lands, 40s 2s.
$\frac{177}{142}$	1 Edward VI A. D. 1547 Horton--from William Ege for goods 4s.

Chancery Proceedings, Series 11  $\frac{79}{62}$

1558 - 1579

Harte v. Degge

Complaint of William Harte, the younger. Mentions his great grandfather, William Harte of Uttoxeter. States that Thomas Harte, his grandfather, made his will about 7 years last past, making Joan, his then wife, and Margaret Harte his executors. The said Joan afterwards married one William Degge.

Complainant requires recompense for certain heirlooms (a furnace of lead, brass pans, etc.) formerly belonging to his great grandfather and which had been sold by his grandfather and his then wife.

Answer of William Degge and Joan his wife.

Note: For details and explanation of above, see page 3.

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The following pedigree from Hugh Degge to Thomas Degge who died 3 Charles I (1627) is from Harleian Ms. 2161, fol. 185 (now fol. 30) and Erdeswick's "History of Staffordshire" (see page 3 of these notes for explanation).

HUGH DEGGE, tempo Richard II (1377-1399), had son  
WILLIAM DEGGE, b. 3 Henry IV (1403), d. 10 Henry VI (1432), had son  
JEFFREY DEGGE, d. 5 Edward IV (1466), had son  
ROBERT DEGGE, d. 15 Henry VII (1500), had son  
THOMAS DEGGE, d. 10 Henry VIII (1519), had son  
THOMAS DEGGE of Stramshall, d. 5 Elizabeth (1563), md. Elizabeth Smyth, dau of Thomas Smyth of Cambridge, d. 6-10-1620 aged 84. She md. 2nd, William Whitehall, d. 3-12-1615 aged 83. Had son, Simon Whitehall, d. 5-17-1630 (63); he md. Felice...who d. 10-20-1649 (97)







There are several wills on file for different Thomas Degges, all given below:

Staffordshire Wills (Somerset House)

1537-8

Feby. 5 Thomas Degge of Uttoxeter, England. Will dated 6 November 1537:

To be buried in the churchyard of Uttoxeter, to crowden Abbey to pray for me xliid. To the Gray Friars of Stafford to pray for me iid. To the Black Friars of Stafford iid. To Robert Degge my uncle my second jacket and a pair of hose. To my brother Robert my best doublet and a pair of hose. Executors: Jone my wife and William Degge my brother. Overseers: John Walker and Robert Russell. Residue to my wife and children (not named). Witnesses: My ghostly father Sir William Freynd, Hugo Russell Robert Degge, and John Payke. Debts owing by deceased: To Jone my sister, to Margery my sister, to Robert my brother, to Seball my servant. Debts owing to deceased from: William my brother, William More, Robert Russell, Robert Degge my uncle. Amount of Inventory: 17. 0. 0. Appraisers: John More Thomas Wylde William Weddeward Thomas Mylward. Proved by the Executors.

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1550-9

Jany. 25 Thomas Degg of Tamworth, Coover, England. Will dated 8 December 1558:

To be buried in the churchyard of Tamworth near to my wife. To Joan my daughter XXVis. VIIId. &c. household stuff. To Elizabeth my daughter XXVis. VIIId. &c. To Mary my daughter XXVis. VIIId. &c. To Richard my son my best cloak &c. To Richard Gaffreys a hose cloth. To Henffris my son my best coat. To Wilson my brother a buckskin. Residue to Margarite my wife. Executrix: The said Margarite. Overseers: Wilson my brother & Richard Degge. Witnesses: John Broughton, Thomas Frances, Inventory dated 22nd January 1558, amount 5.11.88 Appraisers: Xpofer Weston Richard Wilson & Thomas Frances. Proved by the Executrix.

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This will is that of Thomas Deggs who married Elizabeth Smyth.

1563

April 23. THOMAS DEGG of Stramshall parish of Uttoxeter, Yeoman. Will dated 20 January 1562-3:

To be buried in the churchyard of Uttoxeter, Eng. To my wife Elizabeth Degg to have my messuage and land so long as she remain unmarried for the bringing up of my children (not named) if she marry then to have XXVis. VIIId. yearly for her whole dower. My eldest son THOMAS DEGG to have all my land certain goods and husbandry gear, & Xs. in money. To my daughter Mary Degg my greatest pan &c. To my sister....one cow and calf. To my brother Roger Smythe a hefer. Executors: my wife Elizabeth and brother Wylm Smyth. Supervisors: Rye Smythe & Roger Smythe my brethren. Witnesses: Henry Flackett Thomas Myllward Thomas Degg Senior Rye Myllwards Inventory dated 29 January 1563. No total given. Appraisers: Robert Wettun Rychard Taylor Wyllym Woodward Phillip Schot. Testator owed debts to Rychard Smythe of Cambridge, William Smythe, William Woodward of Alvotcon. Proved by the Executors.

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Note: The Feales (Felice or Phyllis?) Degge who made the will that follows may have been a sister of Thomas Degge who married Elizabeth Smyth (see p. 7). Elizabeth (Smyth) Degge married second, William Whitehall.

1577

April 19 Feales Degge of Strenshill parish of Uttoxeter servant unto William Whitehall of Uttoxeter. Will dated 22 February 1577:

To be buried in the church yard of Uttoxeter. To Mary Degge a pound & IIII puter dishes 6c. To Roger Degge my coffer. Residue to children (not named) of Elizabeth Whitehall. Executor William Whitehall my mayster. Debts owing by John Smith of Crakemach iiii. vis. viiid. Thomas Baulle of Nowpart viis. and spott, the wch Rodger Days gave unto me. Witnesses: Richard Taylor Robert Russel Frances Wilson. Inventory dated 17 April 1577. Amount £5. 7. 10. Appraisers: Thomas Milward Simond Hearing Richard Taylor Robert Russel. Proved by the Executor.

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Note: (See will of Thomas Degge, page 7) In her letter to William H. Degges, Miss Brakspear says, "I do not think that your ancestors were Roman Catholics (as we should call them nowadays) at the time they went to America. You will notice that the will in which the testator bequeaths to Friars, etc., is pre-reformation, when there would have been no protestants in the present sense of the word. The same remark applies to the John Digg of 43 Hen. III, whom you mention in your letter as having been a benefactor to the Franciscans." (letter dated March 8, 1914)

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Thomas Degge and Elizabeth Smyth Degge had a son:

7. THOMAS DEGGE, d. 2-24-1599; md. ELLEN MORE, dau of Thomas More of Beamhurst; they had a son (will, p. 9a):
8. THOMAS DEGGE, d. 3 Charles I (1627). Thomas Degge of Strenshall md. Dorothy Crichlow, dau of George Crichlow of Wolscote, Derbyshire. Their children:
  9. i. Katharine Degge, bp. 10 Oct 1607, md. 1st Edward Abell 18 July 1626 (see record from parish register on following pages); she md. 2nd Gregory Walklet
  10. ii. Robert Degge, b. 6-2-1609, md. Jane Rowley, dau of John Rowley of the Ribs, Cheshire, and had:
    - i. Thomas Degge
    - ii. John Degge
    - iii. Mary Degge
  11. iii. Mary Degge, bp. 24 Feb 1610-11
  - x 12. iv. Sir Simon Degge, Knt., b. 1-5-1612; d. 2-10-1702-3; Knighted 1669; md. 1st Jane Orrell who d. 7-5-1652 aged 52, dau of Thomas Orrell, of Slaughan, Sussex, Gent.; md. 2nd Alice Oldfield 12-7-1652, b. 1-25-1614, dau of Anthony Oldfield of Spalding, Co. Lincoln, Eng.; she md. 2nd James Trollope
  13. v. Elizabeth Degge, bp 5 Feb 1614-15
  14. vi. Thomas Degge, bp 15 Dec 1616
  15. vii. George Degge, bp 31 Jan 1618-19

In "Chancery Proceedings before 1714" by Hamilton, 500 appears:  
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Dagge v. Oddy

18 February 1672/3- Complaint of George Dagge, of the borough of Stafford, gentleman, administrator of the goods of John Browne, late of Stafford, gentleman. Dispute as to debt.

- x 16. viii. Isaac Dagge of Nantwich in Cheshire, b. 8 Dec 1619, d. 1687, (p.18) md. Rose Marshall, dau of John Marshall of Wisbeche, Cambridge, d. 1722.
- 17. ix. Lettice Dagge, bp 20 Nov 1622
- 18. x. John Dagge buried 4 Dec 1624
- 19. xi. Dorothy Dagge, bp 26 Dec 1625, mg. Wakelin
- 20. xii. Ellen Dagge, bp 22 Mar 1628
- x 21. xiii. John Dagge, bp 22 Mar 1628-9, md. Ann.....

Dorothy Dagge, widow of Thomas, married 2nd, William Spragge 1635  
Dorothy d. August 1643, William d. 1645; they had a son, John Spragge.

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WILL OF THOMAS DEGGE

1627

Decr 24 Thomas Degge of Uttoxeter, Co. Stafford, Yeoman

Administration granted to Dorothy Degge the lawful widow and relict of the intestate. The Inventory is dated 22 November 1627. Amount £106.6.0 consisting of household goods &c. Appraisers: Rychard Startin William Milward John Wylde Thomas Butler. Debts owing to deceased from Mr. Robert Harvey and Mr. Joren, Chamberlain Henrie Hampson £5.10.0. Francis Hill £3, Burton Goodwin £1, John Wild £2. The Inventory was exhibited at Lichfield on the 24th December 1627 by Vincent Topples Notary Public of the Consistory Court of Luchfield Procurator General one of the nominees of Dorothy Degge the relict and Administratrix of the goods of the said deceased.

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This letter is from Evelyn M. Brakepear, 95 St. Peter's Street, St. Albans, Herts, Eng., March 9, 1914:

"...I hope you will be satisfied with the search, when you see the result, as we learn from it that Isaac Dagg was baptized in 1619 and that he had twelve brothers and sisters. I concluded from the Chancery Proceedings of 1646, which I reported on and sent to you, that there were nine brothers and sisters, but evidently it means that Thomas Degge left nine young children deaths in Nov. 1627. The nine youngest would have been under 15 at his death, and the elder ones would have been by that time put out as apprentices. Katherine the eldest perhaps was already married, in fact we get from the Register the fact that Edward Abell married Katherine Degge in 1625 (when she would have been aged 19). I know from the various pedigrees that Katherine was supposed to have married Walklet, but perhaps he was her second husband.

"The two youngest children were evidently twins and were baptized four months after the father's death; one of them died a few months later.







"You will notice from the extracts from the parish register that, besides our family, there were two fairly large families, those of Richard and Elizabeth Degge and of Edward and Katherine. These were most probably closely connected with our people.

"The Thomas Degge, who appears in the register as having been buried in January 1600-1, is the grandfather of Isaac. It is curious that there should be the burial of a Dorothy, wife of Thomas Degge, in 1607 and the burials of two Thomases, one in 1609 and the other in 1623. It is interesting to learn from the register that Thomas Degge, the father of Isaac, was Bailiff of Uttoxeter when he died.

"I was making out a pedigree yesterday and see that the pedigree is absolutely proved by just the documents I have sent you from John Degge (your ancestor who came to America) back to Thomas Degge whose will was proved in 1538. Of course, the Herald's Visitations carry it back a good deal further, but these are sometimes very inaccurate."

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTER OF UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND  
Searched from 1600 to 1623

1597, May - Godfrey son to Richard Degge and Elizabeth his wife, christened  
1600, April 27 - Margaret, daughter of Richard and Eliz. Degge, baptized.  
1600, May 13 - Margaret, daughter of Edward and Katherine Degge, baptized.  
1600-1, Jan 21 - Thomas Degge, husbandman, buried.  
1605, Aug 11 - Thomas, son to Edward and Katherine Degge, baptized.  
1607, July 9 - Dorothy, wife to Thomas Degge, buried.  
1607, Oct 10 - Katherine, daughter to Thomas Degge and Dorothy his wife, baptized.  
1607, Oct 14 - John, son to Edward and Katherine Degge, baptized.  
1609, Dec 30 - Thomas Degge, buried.  
1609-10, Feb 2 - Henry son to Edward and Katherine Degge, bp.  
1609-10, Feb 12 - Henry son to Edward and Katherine Degge, Bur.  
1610, Dec - Anne Degge, widow, buried.  
1611, June 10 - Richard, son to Richard Degge, buried.  
1614-15, Feb 5 - Edward Degge, a poor man, buried.  
1609, June 3 - Robert, son of Thomas and Dorothy Degge, bp.  
1610-11, Feb 24 - Mary, dau of " " " " "  
1612-13, Jan 10 - Symon, son of " " " " "  
1614-15, Feb 5 - Elizabeth, dau of " " " " "  
1616, Dec 15 - Thomas, son of " " " " "  
1618-19, Jan 31 - George son of " " " " "  
1619, Dec 3 - Isaak, son of " " " " "  
1622, Nov 20 - Lettis, dau of " " " " "  
1623, Nov 17 - Thomas Degg, buried.  
1624, Dec 4 - John, son of Thomas and Dorothy Degge, buried.  
1625, Nov 11 - Ellen Degg, widow, buried.  
1625, Dec 26 - Dorothy, dau of Thomas and Dorothy Degge, bp.  
1626, July 18 - Edward Abell and Katherine Degge, married.  
1627, Nov 15 - Thomas Degge, Bayliff of Uttoxeter, buried.  
1627-28, Feb 3 - Margrett Degg, widow, buried.  
Mar 22 - John son of Thomas and Dorothy Degg baptized.  
Mar 22 - Ellen, dau of Thomas and Dorothy Degg, baptized.  
1628, Nov 20 - Ellen, dau of.....buried.







Chancery Proceedings before 1714 - Bridges 388:38  
(At the Public Record Office, London)

24, April 1646.

Complaint of Simon Degge of Calleshill, County Stafford, gentleman, a younger son of Thomas Degge of Stromshall, County Stafford, gentleman, deceased and of Dorothy, his wife, also deceased.

States that the said Thomas, about the year 1625, took a lease from Sir Edward Longvill of a piece of ground called Littlewood, within the lordship of Crakemarch and parish of Uttoxeter, for the lives of the said Dorothy and of Thomas and Isaac Degge, two other younger sons of the said Thomas, for the benefit of his younger children; but the said Thomas the father "being taken with sudden sickness and unexpected death following even in his best time had not according to his intention disposed of the same" so that the complainant's mother possessed it, until sixteen years ago, about which time she took to husband one William Spragge.

The said Thomas Degge, the father, had also taken a lease of land in the hall of Crighton, parish of Uttoxeter, for term of the lives of Robert Degge, his eldest son, and of John Ferne and John Norman.

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Chancery Proceedings Charles I D18:61  
(At the Public Record Office, London)

16 November 1646.

Complaint of Symon Degg of Calleshill, County Stafford, gentleman, and of Thomas Degg, Isaac Degg, Lettice Degg, and Dorothy Degg, brothers and sisters of the said Symon, and all of them the younger children of Thomas Degg of Stromshall, County Stafford, gentleman, and Dorothy, his wife, both deceased.

States that the complainants' said father was in his lifetime possessed of a good estate to the value of 1600 and upwards in leases, goods, and chattels and died so possessed, making no will or other disposal thereof. Immediately after the death of the said Thomas, his widow, the said Dorothy, possessed herself of the estate as administratrix to her said deceased husband and afterwards took to husband one William Spragge of Uttoxeter, County Stafford, gentleman, who possessed himself of the estate in right of the said Dorothy and so continued until the decease of the said Dorothy about August 1643 and so till his own death in May 1645.

After his death, Grace Spragge, a later wife of the said William, together with one Lawrence Dawson of Uttoxeter, clerk, and Walter Gray of Uttoxeter took the administration into their hands and possessed themselves of the estate.

The said William Spragge had in his will bequeathed to the complainants several good legacies, but the defendants try to degest the complainants of their lawful legacies.

The complainants pray that the defendants may be ordered to set forth what lands, goods, and chattels are in their possession lately belonging to the complainants' said deceased father.

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Answer of Lawrence Dawson, clerk, and Walter Grey, gentlemen, two of the defendants.

States the said William Spragge made his will about 4 February 1644, and it was proved by the said Grace Spragge in the Consistory of the then Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.

The defendants have heard that the said William Spragge had by his will given to the complainant, Dorothy Degge, a legacy of L10, but they think he left no other legacies to any other of the children of the said Thomas Degge.

They state that the estate of the said Thomas Degge was not nearly of so great a value as set forth in the bill, and they have heard that it amounted only to L106.6s.

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Answer of Grace Spragge, one of the defendants.

States that she believes the complainants seek to have possession of all leases, goods, and chattels, which belonged to their late father, Thomas Degge, decreed unto them by the Court, and if the complainants intend thereby two leases-- one of a certain ground called Littlewood, lying in Creighton, Co. Stafford, which the said Thomas had during the lives of Dorothy, his then wife, and the wives of the said complainants, Thomas and Isaac Degge; the other, the Moety of a certain ground in Creighton called Creighton Parke, which the said Thomas, the father, held during the lives of Robert Degge, John Ferne, and John Norman, who are all living-- then this defendant says that the said complainant Simon Degge, in Easter term last past, in his own name and on behalf of himself and the rest of the complainants, exhibited a bill of complaint in this Court against her, the said defendant, for the possession of the above named premises, which suit still depends in this Court undetermined, for which causes, she demands of the Court, whether she shall be compelled to make answer to this second bill.

She states that she does not know of what personal estate the said Thomas Degge died possessed, but has heard that he had mortgaged and leased out all the greatest part of his real estate, and having nine children all young, (see letter, p. 1) by the said Dorothy, and having little left him to live upon and being indebted in large sums to several persons, the defendant believes it to be true that the estate of the said Dorothy, his widow, when she married the said William Spragge "was very mean and of no value" and that the said William, after his marriage with the said Dorothy, paid more money in satisfying the debts of the said Thomas than the above named premises were worth.

The said William Spragge had, besides, the charge of the educating of the said complainants of their brothers and sisters, which were all (except the said complainant), Simon Degge, who was otherwise very plentifully provided for by his uncle, Simon Whitehall) left to the care of their said Mother.

The said William Spragge paid to and for seven of the younger children of the said Thomas Degge, who had nothing left to them by their father, and for placing them in services, the sum of L85. That is to say, to Mary, one of the daughters of the said Thomas, L6; to the said complainant, Dorothy Degge L6; to the complainant



1904, 1905

The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the car was the cold. It was a sharp contrast to the warm blanket of the car. I shivered slightly, but then I remembered that I was in the heart of the city, and I was not alone.

The streets were wide and empty, the sidewalks were clean and smooth. The buildings were tall and imposing, their windows reflecting the light of the day. I walked slowly, taking in the sights and sounds of the city.

I had heard that the city was beautiful, but I had never seen it before. Now I was here, and I was in luck. The city was indeed beautiful, and I was in luck.

CHAPTER I

THE FIRST DAY IN THE CITY

I had heard that the city was beautiful, but I had never seen it before. Now I was here, and I was in luck. The city was indeed beautiful, and I was in luck. I had heard that the city was beautiful, but I had never seen it before. Now I was here, and I was in luck. The city was indeed beautiful, and I was in luck. I had heard that the city was beautiful, but I had never seen it before. Now I was here, and I was in luck. The city was indeed beautiful, and I was in luck.

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Thomas Degge L14 besides an annuity of 30/- during his life; to the complainant Lettice Degge and to Elizabeth her sister and others of the daughters of the said Thomas L20; to the complainant Isaac Degge L30; and to and for George Degge, another of the sons of the said Thomas, L5.

The said William, being in actual possession of the said close called Littlewood and the moiety of the said close called Creighton Parke; and for the maintenance of the defendant, his then wife, and of John Spragge their only child, by indenture dated 1 February 1644-45, leased the said premises to the other defendants, Lawrence Dawson and Walter Gray.

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12 Sir Simon Degge (see p. 8; pp. 4, 5 for summary). Born 1-5-1612, died 2-10-1702-3 knighted 1669; md. first, Jane Orrell, dau of Thomas Orrell who died 7-5-1652 aged 42. Children:

22 i. Whitehall Degge d. 1664, m. Constance Boughay; she m. 2nd Thomas Whitgreave, the preserver of King Charles; they had:

23 i. Simon Boughay Degge, m. 6-6-1684 Alice Trollope Md. second, 12-7-1652 Alice Oldfield; she d. 3-30-1690, dau of Anthony Oldfield; she m. 1st James Trollope. Children:

24 ii. Simon Degge, d. infant

x 25 iii. Simon Degge, d. 5-1-1676, m. Mary More, dau of Edward More of Worcester

x 26 iv. Margaret Degge, bp 5-4-1658; d. 3-3-1737/8; m. Sir John Oldfield, Bart, b. 10-28-1659; d. 9-2-1705 of Spalding

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#### WILL OF MARY DEGGE

(No. 8, p. 8, must have been her brother)

(From the Probate Register of Staffordshire)

1670

Aug 26 Mary Degg of Blythe Bridge, Co. Stafford, Spinster. WILL (nuncupative) dated 27 May 1670. She was aged and infirm in body. Symon Degg her nephew to have all her household goods and stock of cattle allowing something at his pleasure to Catheryne Degge her goddaughter. Executor: The said Symon Degg. Witnesses: George Hassell of Stoke, James Whitehurst's wife (name not given). The Inventory to be exhibited at the Feast of the Nativity. No amount given. Proved by the Executor.

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#### WILL OF SIMON DEGGE, of Derby, Knight

16 January 1702-3.

Usual committal. Desires to be buried "in my little chappel that I lately built adjoining to the parish church of Kingston," in the county of Stafford. To my sister-in-law Rose Degg, L10 per annum during her life. To the widow of my late servant Walter Smith, 30s. yearly for life. To my cousin (sic) Mary Degg, daughter of my brother Isaac Degg, if she outlives her mother Rose Degg L3 yearly for life. To my sister Dorothy Wakelin L3 per annum during her life. To my grandson







Simon Degge, one half of my books (except my law books). To my great-grandson Symon Degge, son of William Degg, all my lawbooks, if he study the law and make it his profession. Also to him all the household goods in and about testator's house in Derby, and all silver, plate, timber, chests, tables, presses, etc., etc., when he shall attain the age of twenty-one years or marry; in the meantime "his mother to preserve them." If the said Symon dies, they are all to rever of "my great-grandson William Degg, son of my grandson Simon Degge," if he will study the law as abovesaid, and if he refuses, to any such of my grandson Symon Degge's sons as will study the law and make it his profession. To said great-grandson Symon, son of William Degg, "all that messuage, and the lands, tenaments" etc. in Strongshall, in the county of Stafford, now in the holding of "young John Degg", purchased of "William Lovatt, his daughters and their husbands," charged with the perpetual repair of the little chapel lately built by testator bequeaths to said great-grandson Symon Degge, and his heirs, To "my last wife's children, and to my daughter Oldfield's children, Ll.1s.0d." Legacies to servants. Appoints "my beloved granddaughter and cousin Mrs. Elizabeth Degg" (in trust for her son, my said great-grandson Symon Degg) and said grandson Symon Degg, executors. Proved 21 April 1703.

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Chancery Proceedings before 1714 - Hamilton 100-23

DEGGE v. WILLESBY  
18 May 1655

Complaint of SYMON DEGGE of Thurlby, Co. Lincoln, Esq., and Alice his wife. States that the said Alice, in her widowhood, was tenant in possession of a messuage called "The Castle" in Spalding and of certain lands there and employed her brother, John Oldfield, to contract for the purchase of the lands.

The dispute is with John Willesby as to the premises.

Chancery Depositions Elizabeth - Charles I 160-8

Interrogatories to be administered to witnesses on behalf of Symon Degge Esq. and Alice his wife against John Willesby and Edward Styehens, defendants.

1. Do you know a messuage in Spalding, in the parts of Holland, and county of Lincoln, called the Castle, 22 acres of pasture ground in Fulney and 10 acres of pasture in Chapell Gate, both in the Parish of Spalding, and one close in the said parish called Wrights Herbert and another called the Gunroelles, a piece of meadow called the Peartree Meadow, all of which are or were in the holding of the complainants, and did not the said Alice, or some other person for her, contract for the same, with the Trustees for the Sale of the late King, Queen and Prince's lands and was not the said Alice at that time the immediate tenant and received the rents thereof?

Chancery Proceedings before 1714 - Whittington 456

DEGG v. TROLLOPE  
7 February 1655-6

Complaint of Symon Degge of Thurlby, Co. Lincoln, and Alice, his wife.







States that James Trollope of Thurlby aforesaid, gent. deceased, formerly husband to the said Alice, was possessed of certain lands and tenements aforesaid and also of the Hall and site of the Manor of Thurlbye for term of years, if the said James and Alice and William their son and heir should so long live.

The complainant Alice married the said Symon about 7 December 1652 and the said Symon became bound in a certain sum of money to account for all sums received by them on behalf of the children of the said Alice and the said late James Trollope.

The dispute concerns money matters.

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Chancery Proceedings before 1714 - Hamilton 100:101

DEGGE v. HIGGES

2 February 1675-6

Complaint of Sir Symon Degge of Derby, Knight. States that about 20 years since, he purchased of Robert Degge of Stromshall, Co. Stafford, gent., certain land in Stromshall called Butterlie and also other lands in Creighton, Co. Staffs, of George Higges of that place.

Dispute is with Elizabeth Higges as to the premises.

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Chancery Proceedings before 1714 - Reynardson 439:31

10 January 1700

Complaint of Elizabeth Degg, of London, widow and sole executrix of the will of William Degg, late of Derby, Esq. States that the said William before his marriage with the complainant and about the year 1680, possessed lands in Hartlebury, Kenderminster, Beoley, and Alchurch, Co. Worcester, and in Welton Boothby Willoughbye and Reyestorpe, Co. Lincoln, but the said William being aged but five years only, Mary Degg, widow, his mother, afterwards the wife of Mr. Sands, received the profits until the year 1685, when the said Mary died, and SIR SYMON DEGG of Derby, knight, grandfather of the said William, became his guardian and received the profits from the lands.

SIR SYMON soon after 25 March 1695 delivered possession to the said William, who had intermarried with the complainant.

The said William made his will 6 March 1693, being then of the age of eighteen, leaving his goods and personal estate to the complainant, and died about April 1695.

The complainant prays that SIR SYMON may be required to set forth the true yearly rents and values of William Degge's real estate.

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Letter from Hubert Hodson, Diocesan Registry, Litchfield, England, Oct. 17, 1881. "...I have found in my private library a rare old book called 'The Parson's Counsellor' with the 'The Law of Tithes and Tithing' in two books written by Sir Simon Degge, Kt. and printed MDCLXXCI at London. Prefixed to the second part of the volume is a letter from the author addressed 'to his worthy and reverend son in law, Mr. Anthony Trollop, Rector of Norbury in Derbyshire' and signed 'from affectionate loving father S. D.'"

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EXTRACTS FROM THE TRANSCRIPTS FOR THE PARISH OF  
KINGSTONE IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD

DEGGE SEARCH

On April 7, 1695 William Degg was buried.

On April 2, 1696, the Lady Degg, wife of Sir Simon Degg, was buried.

EXTRACTS FROM THE TRANSCRIPTS OF THE PARISH OF  
UTTOXETER IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD

1680 (old style) Elizabeth, the dau of Robert Degge and Elizabeth, his wife,

1691 (new style)        baptized the 13th day

February

1698 July - Mary, the daughter of John Degg, and Mary his wife, born the 25th,  
bp the 31st.

1701 November - John Degg buried the 23rd.

1703 May - William Mellar of ye Parish of Checkley and Mary Degg of this Parish  
married ye 12th.

1703 Sept - John Marston and Elizabeth Degg, both of this Parish, married ye 9th.

1703 (old) 1704 (new) February - Richard ye son of John Marston, and Elizabeth his  
wife, bp ye 11th

1703 (old) 1704 (new) February - Richard, the son of John Marston, buried ye 17th.  
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I hereby certify that the following nineteen extracts from the parish register  
of Kingstone are true copies as witness my hand this 12th day of July 1861.

Charles O. Gordon, M A  
Clerk in Holy Order  
Rector of Gratwich, Vicar of Kingstone  
Staffordshire, England

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTER OF THE CHURCH OF KINGSTONE, IN THE  
COUNTY OF STAFFORD, ENGLAND

1. Anno Domini, 1695. Aprilis Die, 4 - William Degg Sepultus fuit.
2. Anno Domini, 1696. 2d Aprilis - Domina Deg. Simonis Deg, Militis, exor Sepulta fuit.
3. 1702, Dec 20. Salina Uxor Simonis Degg, Armigri Sepulta est.
4. 1703, Feb 25. Simon Degg. Miles, Sepultus est.        Inscription on tomb, which is  
in bad repair, the stone being broken in two, and inscription nearly illegible.  
"Here lies the body of Sir Simon Degge, Knt. who was Judge of West Wales to  
Charles II, XIV years, and of the same King Counsel in the Marches of Wales  
XII years."



MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI  
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TO: [Illegible]

FROM: [Illegible]

DATE: [Illegible]

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5. 1765, May 21. James, son of Elizabeth Gaunt and John Middleton, baptized.
6. 1767, March 9. Jane daughter of Robert Degg and Jane Walthoe baptized.
7. 1768, Feb 19. Ann, daughter of John Middleton and Elizabeth his wife, bp
8. 1780, Feb 6, Robert Degg, Senr. was buried.
9. 1785, March 13. Margaret, daughter of Samuel and Mary Middleton, baptized.
10. 1788, April 24. Jenny, daughter of William Ann Middleton bp
11. 1793, Francis Degg of the Parish of Uttoxeter and Ann (Mo. 53) Hubbard of the Parish of Kingstone married in this church by Banns this eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, by me, J. Hilditch, Curate.
12. 1794, Dec. 28. Ann, dau of William and Ann Middleton bp
13. 1794, March 16. Letice, dau of Francis and Ann Degg bp
14. 1795, Aug 30. William, son of Francis and Ann Degg, bp
15. 1797, Sept 3. Elizabeth, dau of Francis and Ann Degg, bp
16. 1799, April 29, Ann, dau of Francis Middleton Degg and Ann his wife, bp
17. 1799, Jan 3. John, son of Samuel and Mary Middleton bp
18. 1801, June 7. Francis Middleton, son of Francis Middleton Degg and Ann his wife, bp.
19. 1804, April 15. Mary, dau of Francis Middleton Degg and Ann his wife bp.

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25. Simon Degge, d. 5-1-1676, m. Mary More, dau of Edward More, of Worcester. Issue:
  27. i. John Degge, m. Mary Billing 5-13-1696 of Kingston
  28. ii. William Degge, m. Elizabeth How of London; she d. 1695. (See later page for her legal complaint)
  29. iii. Simon Degge; m. 1st, Selina Williams who d. 12-20-1702; he was b. posthumus 1676 and d. 1716; m. 2nd, Jane Staunton 1706, she d. 1757. Children by 1st wife:
    30. i. Simon Degge, b. 1697
    31. ii. William Degge, b. 1698, remembered in great-grandfather Sir Symon's will
    32. iii. John Degge, b. 1699
- Children by 2nd wife: (see pages 142 for her history)
  33. iv. Staunton Degge, b. 1707
  34. v. Harvey Degge, b. 1708, d. 1735
  35. vi. Dorothy Degge, m. Richard Wilmot







Chancery Proceedings before 1714 - Reynardson 439:31

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26. Margaret Degge (see p. B) bp 5-4-1658; d. 3-3-1737/8; m. Sir John Oldfield, Bart. b. 10-28-1659, d. 9-2-1705, of Spalding. Children:

- 26. 1. Alice Oldfield m. Edward Horseman. Chn:
  - 27. i. Margaret Horseman
  - 28. ii. Dulvibelle Horseman
  - 29. iii. Alice Horseman
  - 30. iv. Anne Horseman
  - 31. v. Jane Horseman
- 32. ii. Elizabeth Oldfield, m. John Wingfield
- 33. iii. Anthony Oldfield, bp 7-21-1684, d. 1684
- 34. iv. Margaret Oldfield, bp 12-19-1681, d. 10-20-1720, m. Beaupre Bell 4-1-1703

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16. Isaac Degge (see p. 9) of Nantwich (Nantwich) in Cheshire, b. 12-1-1619, d. 1687, m. Rose Marshall, dau of John Marshall of Wisbeche, Cambridge, who d. 1722. Children:

- x35 (p. 33) i. John Degge, d. 8-28-1726, m. 1st \_\_\_\_\_, m. 2nd Johanna Kilbee 1-21-1706
- 36. ii. Simon Degge, m. \_\_\_\_\_. Children:
  - 37. i. John Degge
  - 38. ii. Margaret Degge, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Axton
  - 39. iii. Rose Degge
- 40. iii. Mary Degge, d. 1721, spinster (see will on following pages)

Letter dated February 13, 1907 from James Hall of Lindum House, Nantwich, Cheshire, England:

"Your letter dated 23rd Jan 1907 addressed to the 'Postmaster, Nantwich' has been handed to me. I have pleasure in sending you a few items of information in reply.

"I printed in my History of Nantwich a record that Simon Degge (from whose







brother you say you are directly descended) held the tithes of Willaston, a township adjoining Nantwich on the eastern side, in the year 1705.

"According to a Rate Book, penes me, dated 24 Feb 1691, I find the same Simon Degge residing in Walsh Row, Nantwich (one of the principal streets in this town) and assessed separately for his real and personal estate.

"Isaac Degge, of Nantwich, Gent., as he is described in the register, died and was buried at Nantwich in 1687. Administration was granted and inventory of his goods in 1688. His widow Rose Degge made a will, which was proved in 1711; and her daughter Mary Degge, spinster, of Nantwich predeceased the mother, her will being proved in 1722...."

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GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACT

On 19 May 1688 letters of Administration of the personal estate of Isaac Degge of Nantwich Cheshire were granted by the Consistory Court of Chester to Rose Degge of Nantwich aforesaid the widow and relict of the intestate. Surety Richard Marshall of Nantwich aforesaid Sild Stocking Weaver. Bond dated 19 May 1688. Witnesses to bond: Jo Hulton, Ra Hulton. Appraisers of Inventory: Thomas Wicksted, Richard Marshall, Robert Wright, Richard Gill. (From the Probate Registry at Chester, Eng.)

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WILL OF ROSE DEGGE

(Extracted from the District Registry of the Probate Division of His Magestys High Court of Justice at Chester)

In the name of God, Amen the fourteenth day of April in the eighth year of the Reign of Queen Anne Anno Dni 1708 This is the last will and Testament of my ROSE DEGG of Nantwich in the County of Chester Widow who am now of perfect disposing mind and memory (praise be to God for the same) in manner following that is to say first I Will and request all my just debts (if any there be at the time of my death) to be fully paid and satisfied as alsoe my funerall expenses by my Executrix hereafter named. Item I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Margrett Degg daughter of Symon Degg one silver tankatt two silver spoons one mourning ring one little trunk one chest of drawers one sugger box one large looking glass twenty shillings a yeare during the life of my daughter Mary Degg spinster to be paid her out of ye interest of such moneys I have now owing me and five pounds in moneys after the death of my said daughter Item I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Rose Degg daughter of the said Symon two silver spoonds Item I give and bequeath to John Degg my grandson and son of the said Symon one large trunk and Ten pundis in moneyes after the death of the said Mary Degg Item I give and bequeath to my said Son Symon Degg Thirty pounds after the death of the said Mary Degg Item I give and bequeath to my said daughter Mary Degg the product and interest of all such moneys as I shall have due and owing to me and out at interest at the time of my death (except the said twenty shillings a year before bequeathed to ye sd Margrett Degg) during her naturall life and after her death I give and bequeath the said moneys (after the severall legacies before mentioned are paid) to the said Margrett Degg and Rose Degg equally to be divided betwixt them and if in case either of them happen to dye before marriage or the age of twenty one years then I give and bequeath her share to the survivor Item I give and bequeath to my sister Mrs Frances Church one broad piece of Gould Item I give and bequeath to my said daughter Mary Degg all the rest residue and remainder of my personall estate and







lastly I doe hereby nominate and appoint my said daughter Sole Executrix of this my said Will revoking and making voyd all former Wills by me made IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written  
ROSE DEGGE LS SIGNED sealed published and declared by the said ROSE DEGGE to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of MARGARET BOSTOCK her X mark THOMAS SMITH JOHN WEBSTER

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Administration with the WILL annexed to the ESTATE of this TESTATRIX was granted in the CONSISTORY COURT of CHESTER on the 4th day of MARCH 1723.  
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Mary Degge predeceased her mother. The following will of Mary Degge is interesting for its detail and for the important information gained from it:

(Extracted from the District Registry of the Probate Division of His Majestys High Court of Justice at Chester, Cheshire, England.)

In the name of God, Amen. This is the last Will and Testament of my Mary Degge of Nantwich in the County of Chester Spinster being of sound and perfect minde and memory God be praised for the same I doe make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as following First I comite my spirit into the hands of God who gave it me, my body to be decently buryed in Nantwich Church by my Father and Mother and Aunt and my other relations if Mr. Church at Tonston will give me leave if not by my brother in his buriall place in the Church Yard in as deep a grave as they can well make and I would have a Sermon the text in 31 Psalm and the 5th verse "Into thy hands I commend my Spirit for thou hast redeemed me O Lord thou God of Truth" if not one this text noe Sermon for it is above forty year since I made choice of it and with these words as if my last I comite my self into the hands of Jesus Christ my Redeemer every night before I sleep in whomm is my whole trust and comforte. Item I give and bequeath to my nephew John Degge son of my brother John Degge one duble pestole of gold one sermon book write by my Father as essay of Friendship Devine Poems by Speed Doe Hamonds Practical Catechisme. Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Simon Degge son of my brother John Degge one Portugalle Peice of Gold one large Herball a booke of tith write by Sr. Simon Degge a book of Sermons a Collection of Nativitis Sr. George Whartons works Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Marshall Degge son of brother John Degge one piece of Portugalle Gold my Seall wu ye Degges & Marshall Armes the Practis of Piety ye Jews conspiracy against their King. Exposion one ye Church Catechisme Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Charles Degge sone of my brother John one broad piece of gold St. Augustines Meditations Biship Andrews devotion conference by Gilbert Burnet Item I give and bequeath to my nephew James Degge Son of my brother John one broad piece of gold a book write by Henry ye 8th against Luther & ye Method of private devotions Item I give and bequeath to my nephew William Degge son of my brother John one broad piece of gold a book one Lent and meditations one eternity. Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Anthony Degge Son of my brother John one broad piece of gold Biship Halle Case of conscience ye following of Christ by Tyomas A. Kempis. Item I give and bequeath to my niece Rose Morgan daughter of my brother John Degge one broad piece of Gold wh a Septer one gold ringe with 7 white stones. The Art of Contentment bound up wh 2 other Shelock one death Bishop Sands Sermons Docter Featleys Fountain of tears Item I give and bequeath to my nece Mary Degge daughter of my nephew Simon Degge son of my brother John two broad peices of gold one gold ringe enamelled wh black marke T M one silver proringer mrkt MC a thicke one one silver spoon wh my name att length a new one my care rings my silver bodkin my silver bucklet in my best shoues; one paire of find flazen sheets markt MD 2 bredths and halfe one pair of fine holland Pillibers markt R:D: ye Whote Dury of Man. Ye Ladys calling







my Common Prayer Boode Item I give and bequeath to my nece Rebekah daughter of my nece Rose Morgan one broad piece of gold one gold ringe markt J M wh a deaths head in black one silver proinger markt A M one silver spoon markt A M my psalter a book called ye New Years gift Doctor Collets Demotions Item I give and bequeath to my nephew John Degge son of my brother Simon Degge ye bed bolster pillow curtains--centerpain and blankets and all belonging to ye bed I lye one A paire of sheets and a paire of pillobers markt wh J D ye brase pots yt is set for a boyler in ye browe house ye great goeburns in ye kitchen ye great table in ye kitchen ye great leather chaire in ye parlor and ye sum of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of lawfull money. If he dyes or doth not perform his Fathers will to his sisters then to be divided between his sister Margaret and Rose or two ye longest liver. Item I give and bequeath to my nece Margaret Axton daughter of my brother Simon Degge ye sume of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of lawful money, a silvercupe with one handle a silver sugar boat a silver spoon wh my name att Length 2 little spoons markt MD one gold ring wh a white deaths head Randle Church: My great Bible Doctor Collets Devotions advice to a friend ye Devote Communicant my great cabinet one little black cabinet my dressing box halfe my pictures my great looking glass a chushen of my mothers work two pillows markt M D a little oval table coper tea pot a green celler of bottles Item I give and bequeath to my nece Rose Degge daughter of my brother Simon ye sum of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of lawful money one silver tankard a paire of silver salts one spoon markt A M 2 little ones markt E P one gold ringe wh a white deaths head Markt W D my own picture a little black cabinet my combe box ye looking glass in my closet the treen curtains rug chairs fether bed bolster all as belonge to it a pair of pillows stript ticke ye table wh a drawer in it a Bible of my Mothers work the Government of Ye tonge ye weekly preparation Item I give to Mary Bailey for her true and honest service my clothes I weare every day 6 Pewter plats markt R D one pewter dish ye brase kettle in ye chimney ye brass skelet wh 3 feet and forty shillings in money Item I give and bequeath to John Baley son of Charles and Mary Bailey Five pounds to put him out to prentice or to be paid to him at ye age of twenty one Item I give and bequeath to Charles Bailey the sum of Ten shillings this 7 pounds ten to be paid out of ye moneys Charles Bailey owes me ye rest of the moneys which will remain due from Charles Bailey to me I give to Margaret Axton and Rose Degg to take it as he can pay it and not trouble him for it Item I give and bequeath all my wearing clothes and apparell of all sortes to my three neces in Virginia Rose Morgan daughter of my brother John and Rebeccah Morgan her daughter and to my nece Mary Degge daughter of my nephew Simon Degge and my household goods and house linings which is not named two be devided be-tween my five neces Rose Morgan Rebeckah Morgan Mary Degge Margaret Axton Rose Degg and the rest of my books which are not named to be devided between my 2 brothers sons and what money is left in gold or silver after legacies paid and the funerall charges and debts paid if I owe any I give it to my nece Margaret and Rose Degge and the rest of my books which are not named to be divided between my 2 brothers sons Item I give and bequeath to Ann Shacklock her weding ringe and if she pay twenty shillings to Margaret Degge twenty to Rose Degge when they shall deliver to the said Ann Shacklock the two rings above named which I have given them Item I give and bequeath to Mr. John Combercack one broad piece of gold to buy him a ringe Item I give and bequeath to Mr. Mathew Maken one broad peice of gold to buy him a ring and lastly I doe nominate and desire the said Mr. Comberback and Mr. Maken Executors of this my last Will and Testament my brother told me ye they were godfathers to John and Margaret Soe I make it my last request that they will take care of the children they haveing noe freinds neare themthis I desire should be performed as my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Mary Degg have herunto put my hand and seall the 13th day of September in the year of our Lord 1716 \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Degge \_\_\_\_\_ Item I give and bequeath to my niece Mary Degge daughter of my nephew Simon Degge five broad pieces of gold 2 of my best holland shifts 2 of my best flaxen shifts and all py pach work







quilt chairs cushions and all the rest; my silver bedkin thimble buttons for my  
skeves buckles for my shoes; my flourished apron and night veil hood and head  
clothes handkerchiefs and rufles paire of fine flaxen sheets 2 breath and half  
markt pair of fine pillebers markt R D the rest that is not named to be devided  
as above said In Witness whereof I the said Mary Degg have hereunto put my hand an.  
Seall the 21 day of September in the year of our Lord 1716. Witness  
Mary Degge LS I have sent ye ring to my Lady Sanderson & ye Madle to her S.  
Proved in the Consistory Court of Chester on the 19th April 1722.

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21. John Degge (see page 9 ), b. 22 March 1627/8, m. Anne \_\_\_\_\_, b.  
buried 15 Dec 1700 Stronchell in the Parish of Uttoxeter (see text below).
41. i. Robert Degge, bp 6 Mar 1650, m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. They had:
42. John Degge, bp 2 Sept 1675, m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ and they had:
43. i. Mary Degge, bp 25 July 1698
44. ii. Robert Degge, bp 28 Apr 1700
45. iii. John Degge, bp 28 Apr 1704

Letter from Henry Abud, Vicar of Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, England 3 Oct 1811:

"In tracing the Degge family, the first thing of notice is the inscription on  
our old fine Silver Paten, or Receptacle for the Bread in the administration of Holy  
Communion. The inscription is 'The gift of Lettice Pratt, Daughter of Thomas Degge,  
Gent; of Stronchell.' There is no date, and Stronchell is now the ecclesiastical  
District of Stronchell in the Parish of Uttoxeter.

"These entrices are all that we can find up to the date requested by you, but  
perhaps if you were a little more definite in your instructions, we might find more."

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Burials in 1700 - December 1 - Anne, the wife of John Degg buried the 15th  
1707 - April - Elizabeth, the wife of Robert Degg bur the 18th Stronchell  
1713 - January - Mary Degg buried the 26th  
1759 - June - Thomas, the son of Sarah Degg the 18th

Christenings - 1700 - April 28 - Robert, the son of John Degg of Stronchell  
1706 - April - John the son of John Degg, and his wife baptized the 28th  
1725 - May - Mary, the Daughter of Robert Degg and Anne his wife were  
baptized the 25th  
1728 - October - Robert, the son of Robert Degg and Ann his wife  
baptized the 15th

Marriages - 1731 - John Degg and Ann Ratcliffe, both of this Parish were married the  
19th of January

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NOTE: Since Roger Degg or Deg seems to belong to this family, although we have not  
found him on the pedigree, we include his will and other documents here before we  
take up the American branches of the family.

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Genealogical Abstract of the will dated 1 Feb 1728 of Roger Deg of Bradwall  
Parish of Sandback Cheshire Yeoman proved in the Consistory Court of Chester on the  
10 October 1733 by Wm Rode the sole Executor.







"And whereas by a certain article bearing date 16 January 1704 and made between me and the said Roger Deg of the 1st part and Mary my wife then by the name of Mary Walton of Church Lawton Cheshire Widow of the 2nd part and Daniel Stanway then of Sandbach and now of Betchton Cheshire Yeoman and Randle Rode the Younger of Betchton aforesaid Gentleman of the 3rd part, I did thereby covenant with the said Daniel Stanway and Randle Rode that in case I should happen to die in the lifetime of the said Mary my then intended wife that then and in such case the Exors. of Adm'ers of my the said Roger Deg should pay to the said Mary the sum of L60 of lawful English money within sixmonths after the death of me the said Roger Deg."

Testator mentions his cousin Jane Stanway daughter of his Brother-in-law, Joseph Stanway, late of Sandbach Yeoman deceased. He also mentions: Robert Baguley of Mear Hath Staffs; Webster and Mary his wife; Ellen Baguley spinster and William Baguley children of the said Robert Baguley; his brother-in-law Daniel Stanway and his son Thomas; his brother-in-law James Stanway and his wife (no name given) and Sarah and Joshua children of the said James Stanway; his brother-in-law Peter Stanway.

"To the said Jane Stanway L22.10. To Mary Stanway her sister. To Anne, Katherine, Martha and Hannah four more daughters of the said deceased Joseph Stanway L10 equally between them."

Appoints William Rode of Sandbach Gentleman Executor. Witnesses: Wm Boulton, John Tomkinson, Sarah Tomkinson.

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Inventory dated 28 November 1729 and appraised by John Tomkinson and Thomas Taylor at the sum of L197.9.3.

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#### WILL OF MARY DEG, WIDOW OF ABOVE ROGER

Genealogical Abstract of the Will dated 8 March 1731 of Mary Deg of Bradwall Parish of Sandbach Cheshire widow proved in the Consistory Court of Chester, Eng. on the 10th October 1733 by Peter Stubbs and Jane Stubbs the Executors.

Testatrix in the will bequeaths to her niece Jane Stubbs, wife of Peter Stubbs, of Bradwall aforesaid Yeoman the sum of L50 which sum the Testatrix had power to dispose of by virtue of a Settlement made before marriage with her late husband Roger Deg deceased and the residue of her goods and personal estate she also bequeaths to the said Jane Stubbs. Appoints her kinsman Peter Stubbs and the said Jane Stubbs executors. Witnesses: Wm Rode, John Furnwall, Jno. Proudlove.

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35. John Degge, First American Settler, (see page 18 ), d. Aug 28, 1726, m. 1st \_\_\_\_; m. 2nd Johanna Kilbee 21 Jan 1706. Children: (by 1st wife)
- x46.(p.79)i. Simon Degge, m. Anne (Nancy)
  - x47. ii. William Degge, b. 1691, d. 1762, m. Dorothy Smith (see p. )
  - x48. iii. Marshall Degge (see p. )
  - 49. iv. Charles Degge
  - 50. v. Rose Degge, m. \_\_\_\_ Morgan and had:
    - 51. i. Rebecca Morgan
- (by 2nd wife)
- 52. vi. John Degge, bp 10-7-1707 (see his will in text below)
  - 53. vii. Johanna Degge, bp 8-7-1711, d. 1-17-1718
  - x54. viii. Anthony Degge, b. 11-4-1714, m. (see p. )







55. ix. James Degge, b. 7-14-1718, m. Elizabeth. (Will of a James Degge given below; not definitely established that it was this James). Washed overboard (see p. 75)

(Parish Register Christ Church, Middlesex Co., Va.)

John Degge and Johanna Kilbee mar. 21 Jan 1706  
John, son of John and Johanna, b. 17 Oct 1707  
Johanna, dau (same), b. 7 Aug 1711  
Anthony, son " b. 4 Nov 1714  
James, son " b. 14 July 1718

William and Johanna Kilbee, children of, following:

William, born (bp) 13 Mar 1697/8  
Christopher born (bp) 9 Feb 1695/6  
Catherine born (bp) 9 Sept 1702  
Elizabeth, dau of William and Hanna, b. (bp) 11 Feb 1704/5  
William Kilbbe, d. 3 Feb 1705/6  
His widow, Johanna m. John Degge 21 Jan 1706

Christopher and Catherine Kilbee, children:

Johanna b. 27 Oct 1719  
Catherine b. 5 July 1721  
William b. 19 Dec 1722

Mary Kilbee m. John Lawson 19 Aug 1680

Christopher and Hope Sutton, Elizabeth, dau of, b. 21 Jan 1704/5

Letter from J. W. Brockenbrough, Reg. Land Office, Richmond, Va., May 4, 1882:

"I send herewith (certified copies of the patents ordered, and have to inform you that our records contain only the original titles to first proprietors and issued by Authority of the Crown---Colonial Governors---Lord Fairfax, proprietor of Northern Neck---and Commonwealth of Va---for the unpatented or public land then belonging to the Governments, etc.---Subsequent changes of title were never recorded in this office and cannot now be found outside the local or County Offices unless among private papers. The Diggs family with all the modern changes of spelling the name are still numerous I think in the Counties of Lancaster, Matthews, Gloucester, and Norfolk...."

JOHN DEGGS---1425 Acres---Gloucester Co., Va.

To all &c. whereas &c. now know ye that I the said Thomas Lord Culpepper &c. Governor &c. do with the consent of the Counsell Give and Grant unto JOHN DEGGS Fourteen Hundred and Twenty five Acres of land lying on the Southward side of Garden Creek and a Beaver dam at the head thereof--Gloucester County Beginning at a marked Chestnut tree that stands near the head of said Beaverdam that parts this land from the land of Matthew Gale and from thence runing East by North six degrees North five hundred and eight eight poles down ye said Beaverdam and creek to the land of John Garnett thence South by East two hundred and eight poles South West by South Sixty



1. The first of the three main points of the report is that the Government has not done enough to improve the living conditions of the people.

2. The second point is that the Government has not done enough to improve the education of the people.

3. The third point is that the Government has not done enough to improve the health of the people.

4. The fourth point is that the Government has not done enough to improve the economy of the country.

5. The fifth point is that the Government has not done enough to improve the culture of the country.

6. The sixth point is that the Government has not done enough to improve the environment of the country.

7. The seventh point is that the Government has not done enough to improve the social life of the country.

8. The eighth point is that the Government has not done enough to improve the international relations of the country.

9. The ninth point is that the Government has not done enough to improve the scientific and technological level of the country.

10. The tenth point is that the Government has not done enough to improve the artistic and literary level of the country.

11. The eleventh point is that the Government has not done enough to improve the sports and recreation level of the country.



two poles South by East thirty poles West South West twenty poles, West North west 40 pos. to a marked pine in the head of Sandy Branch thence West South West forty poles South by West Eighteen poles to a marked dogwood by a path thence South West by West One hundred Poles West Sixty poles to a water oak thence West by South Four Hundred and seventy seven poles to the land of Mr. Hampton, Dec'd. Thence along said Hamptons land North by West 300 pols. Thence East by North Twenty eight poles to the land of Matthews Gale thence along said Gales marked trees South East by South Fifty poles to the first specified place. The said land being formerly taken up and patented by ye said John Deggs as by Patent bearing date September ye Twenty sixth, One thousand six hundred and seventy eight. To have and to hold &c. to be held &c. yielding and paying &c Provided &c. dated the 16th day of April, One thousand Six Hundred and Eightyree.

Land Office, Richmond Va.

The foregoing is a true Copy from the records of this office. Witness my hand and seal of Office this 2nd day of May 1882.

J. W. Brockenbrough  
Reg. Land Office

(SEAL)

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JOHN DEGGS - 1800 Acres - Gloucester Co., Va.  
26 Sept 1678

To all &c. Whereas &c. now know ye that I ye said Herbt. Jeffries, Esq. Governor &c. do give and grant unto John Degge Eighteen Hundred Acres of land in Kingston Parish in Gloucester County lying and being and bounded round with ye lands of Smithey Greggs, Foster, Smith, Sterling, Hampton, and Gayle ye side of ye beaver dams and touching and adjoining all along ye said track of lands and beaver dams and beginning to be measured at a red oak corner tree being ye corner tree of Smith's his land and running thence by marked lines S by E 360 po: to a Spanish Oak, W. S. W. 40 po: to a red oak S by W 18 po: to a dogwood by a path side S. W. and W. 100 po: to a maple N. 60 Po; to a Water Oak then W. by S. to ye land of Ja: Foster and along his land to William Smiths lands and along his land to Sterlings land and along his land to Mr. Hamptons land and along his land to Math. Gayles land and to Mathew Gayle's corner Chestnut tree at ye head of ye Beaver dams and by to ye beginning Red oak corner tree including within ye said tract of 150 Acres commonly called Lucas, his neck and granted to Robt. Beverly by pattent dated ye 6th Nov 1673 Ye said land being due by and for the ye transportation of thirty six persons &c. to have and to hold &c. to be held &c. yielding and paying &c. provided &c. Dated 26th Sept. 1678.

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Jo Williams	Martha Hunt	Tho. Coanlow	Mary Ozborn	Eliz. White
Robt. Parker	Mary Davis	Mary Sciper	Sis Powell	Ja. Turner
Tho. Clements	Jona Taylor	Wm. Davis	Thos. Jones	Wm. Parker
Bach. White	Bach. Powell	Sam Moore	Jno. Henry	An Arrington
Mann, Jno:.	Bunberry, Robt.	Mary Boubridge	Wm. Anson	Two Negroes
Bath Decenson	Mary Webb	Ruth Young	Tho. Gardner	Jno. Smith
Anne Gibson	Jos. Mauneton	Wm. Davidson	Sam Verdz	Joe Richards
Fra. Smith				

Land Office, Richmond Va.

The foregoing is a true Copy from the records witness my hand and seal of Office this 2nd day of May 1882.

J. W. Brockenbrough  
Reg. Land Office  
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APPRAISMENT OF JOHN DEGGE'S ESTATE, 1726

In obeizance to an order of Middlesex county court, dated the 6th day of December 1726, we the subscribers being first sworn, according to law met at the house of Capt. John Degge deceased and valued and appraised the following:

	L	s	d
To six steers at	7	0	0
To two coves and two calves	2	10	0
To 4 yearlings at	2	0	0
To 1 cow at	1	0	0
To 1 old ditto at	0	10	0
To 1 iron pott qt 77 lbs at 3 1/2 d pd hooks	1	2	5
To 2 old pots 1 old kettle o old prossnet & 3 prs pot	0	15	0
To 1 iron spitt and six iron lifter at	0	5	4
To 1 frying pan	0	2	0
To 1 pr fire tongs	0	1	0
To 35 1/2 lbs of old puter at 6d per lb.	0	17	9
To 31 1/2 lbs ditto at 10d per lb	1	6	1/2
To 7 spoons at	0	1	0
To 1 iron ladle at	0	1	3
To 1 parcel of carpenters tools at	0	18	0
To 1 parcel of coopers tools at	0	6	0
To a parcel of old iron at	0	16	0
To 1 brass mortar and pestle and 1 brass candlestick	0	5	0
To 2 old horn collars and one cart saddle	0	2	0
To one large bible at	0	10	0
To 1 common prayer book and 1 New testament at	0	3	0
To a parcel of old books at	0	3	0
To three pr of old woolcards	0	2	6
To 3 iron wedges	0	4	0
To 1 pr brass weights and scales at	0	7	0
To 4 earthen pots at	0	2	6
To 1 stone jug and 1 stone mug	0	4	0
To 1 pr pistols and holsters & 1 saddle & brasspalte	1	2	6
To 6 old leather chairs at 3s & 6d each	1	1	0
To one old wooden ditto	0	1	0
To 1 old speaking trumpet & 1 candle box at	0	1	6
To 1 gun mold shot bag and worm at	1	2	6
To 1 pr pot racks	0	2	0
To 2 old chests at	0	6	0
To 2 old trunks at	0	10	0
To 1 old table at	0	4	0
To 1 old oval ditto at	0	12	0
To 1 pr money scales and weights	0	4	0
To 1 looking glass at	0	3	0
To 5 files at	0	1	6
To a parcel of shoemakers thread	0	1	3
To 9 yards of striped cotton at 1/3 s per yd	0	11	3
To 1 yd white ditto	0	1	3
To 1 linen jacket and breeches	0	2	8
To 3 cotton shirts at	0	12	0
To 2 turnover and 3 hecks	0	2	0
To a parcel of table linen at	0	15	0







To 1 old spinning wheel at	0	4	0
To 3 raisers at	0	1	6
To 1 hone at	0	1	0
To 1 penknife at	0	0	3
To 1 hand saw rest at	0	0	3
To 1 dowlings bitt and 1 wimbrell bill	0	0	6
To 1 lb gunpowder and 4 1/2 lbs shot at	0	0	31/2
To 1 1/4 lbs pepper at	0	1	0
To 3 old wooden boxes at	0	1	3
To a parcel of old fish hooks and lines	0	3	0
To 1 ink glass	0	0	3
To 2 powder horns	0	0	3
To a parcel of white earthen ware	0	0	7
To 1 box iron 2 heaters and 1 frame at	0	2	6
To 2 worsted caps at	0	1	6
To 1 old leas coat	0	14	0
To 1 old shagatta frock	0	4	0
To 4 1/2 lbs of spun cotton at 2 per lb	0	9	?
To 13 lbs ditto in the sotre at 2 1/2 per lb	0	2	?
To 5 1/4 lbs ditto at 1 S per lb	0	5	1
To 1 1/4 of wool at	0	0	6
To 1 old meal sifter at	0	0	1
To 2 doz and 9 qt bottles at 2 1/2 pr bottle	0	6	1
To 1 old warming pan at	0	2	6
To 1 old saddle at	0	8	0
To 8 sides of tan leather	1	10	0
To 1 cross-cut saw and rest at	0	8	0
To 1 pr small stilliards at	0	5	0
To 1 feather bed bolster 1 pillow case 1 rug 1 pr cotton sheels 6 pr curtains and vallaps bedstead & bed cord hide	7	0	0
To 1 feather bed 2 bolsters 1 pillow bedstead & bed cord & rug	3	0	0
To 1 feather bed & bolster	1	10	0
1814 lb tobasco at 12-6 per Cwt	11	6	9
To 18 1/2 barr of corn at 6 X per bbl	4	12	6
To 10 bushels peas at 1-6 per bushel	0	15	0
To a parcel of old wooden lumber at	0	5	0
To 1 old negro woman named Judith at	15	0	0
To 1 negro boy named Cesar at	26	0	0
To 1 negro boy named Peter at	24	0	0
To 1 negro girl named Hannah at	12	0	0
To 1 negro girl named Flora at	12	0	0
To 1 negro girl named Knell at	7	0	0
To 2 gold rings and 2 gold drops at	2	5	0
To 1 silver seal at	0	1	7
To a piece of old silver at	0	0	0
To 1 grindstone at	0	2	0
To 1 iron spitt at	0	4	0
To 7 young hogs 1 sow and 6 piggs at	2	1	0
To 1 silver tankard qt 29 oz at 4 S 6d per oz	6	13	0
To 5 cider caste	0	17	6
To 1 cannon at	0	13	0
To 1 old sword at	0	8	0
To 1 old drum and drum stick at	0	2	0
To 1 old paddler	0	0	6







To 1 milld sixpence	0	0	7
To a pr of old stilliards & pce & canthooks	0	4	6
To 1 old hand saw 1 old chisel & 1 old drawing Knife	0	2	6
To a parcel writing paper	0	1	9

Things not appraised

1 old gun & 1 old time spinning wheel

1 flax hackel & 1/2 Bus. beans

114 lbs cotton in stone at 2 1/2 per lb.

To 1 pr quern stones and irons

To 1 pr iron lined wheels old and broken

Geo. Harding

Robert Johnson

Chr. Sutton

(Signed) SIMON DEGGE

At a court held for Middlesex county the 1st day of Aug. 1727 Simon Degge made oath to this inventory and appraisment of JOHN DEGGE deceased and admitted to record.

NOTE: The notes of Wm. H. Degges did not explain who this John Degge of Westmoreland belonged to, but from the text of his will, it seems to the present compiler that he was #52, pg. 23. The James Degge mentioned in the will must be #55, pg. 24, his brother. Wm. H. Degge does not carry these lineages down any farther.

#### JOHN DEGGE'S WILL

In the name of God Amen. I JOHN DEGGE of the County of Westmoreland being sick and weak but of sound mind &c. do make and ordain this my last will & Testament in manner and form following. Imprimie. I give to my brother Simon Degge's son Isaac all my Pump tools. Item. I give the said Isaac my Family Seal. The residur of my Estate I give to my Relation James Degges of the County above mentioned, 'tis my Will and desire my Estate may not be appraised, I appoint the aforesaid James Degges Executor of this my Will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of June one thousand seven hundred and seventh five.

Signed & sealed in presence of

Jo Fox )  
 Benga. Steward )  
 Thomas Showming )  
                   his )  
 Thos. Webb T Forrest )  
                   mark )

JOHN DEGGE'S (SEAL)

Examined

A Copy, Frank Stuart, Clerk

#### JAMES DEGGE'S WILL

In the name of God Amen. I James Degges of Westmoreland County being sick and weak, but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Imprimis. I give to my Nephew Christopher Edrington the Tract of Land whereon I now live together with the Land purchased by my mother of Jeremiah Murdock, and loberty of getting Timber for the use of the plantation from the land my Father purchased of Bunch Roe, to him & the heirs of







his body Lawfully begotten, and in case my Nephew died without such heirs, then it is my desire that the Land above mentioned be sold to the highest bidder and that money be equally divided between my neices, Ann, Elizabeth and Susanna Edrington. I give to my Nephew James Degges Dishman my Tract of Land laying in the swamp purchased as above mentioned by my Father of Bunch Poe to him and the heirs of his body Lawfully begotten and if my Nephew dies without such heir, then the Land to be sold and the money equally divided among his sisters. It is my desire that my slaves and Cash be equally divided among my Sisters Children, my Sister Harrison's Daughter Elizabeth excepted who I desire may have only an equal part of my Cash, all the rest of my Estate to be sold, and the cash arising from the sale to be equally divided among my Sisters, Edrington & Dishman's Children. I leave my nephew Christopher Edrington, and my friend Joseph Fox Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 28th day of Decr. 1777.

Signed and sealed in presence of )  
Benjamin Steward William Clutton )  
Wm. Berryman Matthew Sparks )

JAMES DEGGES (SEAL)

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 27 day of January 1778.

This will was proved according to Law by the Oaths of Benjamin Steward William Clutton and Matthew Sparks three of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Christopher Edrington & Joseph Fox the Exors. therein named who made oath thereto according to Law and together with Samuel Dishman and Daniel Edrington their securities entered into an acknowledged bond with condition as the Law directs certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste,

K. Bernard C W C

A Copy, Frank Stuart, Clerk

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45. Simon Degge (see pg 23) md. Anne (Nancy) . Children:

x56. i. William Degge m 1st, Margaret Gale who was b. 6/23/1767/8; m 2d, Mary Sutton dau of Rowland Sutton and Ann Morgan Sutton; Mary Sutton b. 2/28/1770

x57. ii. Isaac Degge b. 1739, d. 1793, m. Mary

x58. (p. 33) iii. John Degge b. 3/16/1745, d. 9/27/1794, m. Dolly Degge 3/10/1778; Dolly Degge was dau of William and Jane (Currie) Degge (see p. 33)

59 iv. Mary Degge m. John Boss 3/10/1764 (see p. 54)

60 v. Ann Degge b. 12/22/1770, m. Christopher Gale

60a Sarah Gale b. 12/22/1770

60b Lavin Gale commanded bo. in War of 1812

SIMON DEGGE OF LANCASTER COUNTY, VA. - DIVISION OF ESTATE

Know all men by these presents that We, Isaac Degges, John Degges, William Degges, John Boss and Christopher Gayle are held and bound either to the other in the sum of One hundred thousand pounds Current Money, which payment will and truly to be made by each of us and each of our Heirs Exors. and Admis. to the other and each of them and each of their Heirs Exors and Admis. firmly by these presents witness our hands and Seals this 30th day of March 1780.







The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounded Isaac Degges, John Degges, William Degges, John Boss, and Christopher Gale have mutually chosen and elected Harry Currell, Thomas Carter and John Berryman Gent. to make Division of the Negroes and Personal estate of Simon Degges late dec'd. between the said parties, if therefore the said Isaac Degges, John Degges, William Degges, John Boss and Christopher Gale and each and every of their Heirs, Exors. and Amis. shall at all times hereafter stand to and abide by such Division of the said Negroes and Personal Estate as shall be made by the said Harry Currell, Thomas Carter and John Berryman and given in writing from under their hands to the said parties or either of them requiring the same, then the above obligation to be void etherways to be in force and power.

JOHN BOSS (SEAL)  
CHRISTOPHER GALE (SEAL)

ISAAC DEGGES (SEAL)  
JOHN DEGGES (SEAL)  
WILLIAM DEGGES (SEAL)

We the subscribers at the desire of the parties to the within Bond having met at the house of Isaac Degges and the parties being all present and signing and acknowledging the within Bond in the presence of us proceeded to divide the Estate of the Within named Simon Degges dec'd. March 30, 1780, as followith viz:

Isaac Degges  
Negro Crip  
Martha  
Baldwin  
Lewis  
Young Sue

William Degges  
Dinah  
Sprigg  
Sam  
Bridgett

John Degges  
Old Sue & child  
Dinah  
Nelson  
Lucy  
Frances

John Boss  
Negro Sarah  
Spencer  
Jenny  
Mary

Christopher Gale  
Letty  
Harry  
Sarah  
Solomon

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Harry Currell  
Thomas Carter  
John Berryman

At a Court held for Lancaster County the 20th day of April 1780.

On the motion of Isaac Degges and the consent of the parties concerned this Division of the Estate of Simon Degges dec'd. with the Bond for performance of Covenants was admitted to record,

A Copy

Test - Thade. McCarty, C.L.C.  
Test - Warner Eubank C. C.

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SIMON DEGGE settled in Lancaster County in the year 1743. He bought a piece of land from Hugh Kelly in Feby. of that year and the deed represents him as a Citizen of Gloucester County. The second deed is from a Mr. James and is dated May 1745 and states that he was at that time a resident of Lancaster County.

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56. William Degge (see pg. 29) m. 25 June 1767 Mary Gale; m. 2d Mary Sutton, dau of Robert Sutton. Children: (by 1st wife)  
x61 i. Christopher Degge b. 25 Feb 1769 (pg. 82)  
(by 2d wife)  
62 ii. Nancy Degge b. 25 Feb 1773  
63 iii. Simon Degge b. 18 Feb 1775  
64 iv. Isaac Degge b. 3 Nov 1776

This William Degge was of Kingston Parish, Gloucester (Matthews) County, Va.

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57. Isaac Degge (see pg. 29) b. 1739, d. 1793, m. Mary Degge; they had no children at the time he made his will 18th July 1792 (see pg 51, #174, )

#### WILL OF ISAAC DEGGE

In the name of God Amen, I Isaac Degge of the County of Lancaster and State of Virginia being in perfect health and sound memory and disposing mind blessed be God, do this Eighteenth day of July Anno. Dom. 1792 make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First my soul I bequeath to God in hopes of a joyful meeting at the Resurrection of the Just thro the merits of Jesus Christ and my body to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Exors hereinafter named.

Item. I lend unto my beloved wife Mary all my Estate real and personal during her natural life and no longer, to be enjoyed by her without her embezzeling any part of the same nor making any Waste on my Landed Estate nor movable property but to leave the same in as good order as it may be found at my Decease.

Item. I give and bequeathe unto my relation Mary Tunstall Degge one Hundred Pounds Current money at the State aforesaid one Negro girl and a Mare being included in the same to be paid to her by my wife at her discretion and in such manner..... and at such time as my said wife Mary shall deem meet and expedient.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my relation Ann Degge One hundred Pounds Current money as aforesaid, one Negro girl Rose and her increase being included therein to be paid in the same manner as to her sister Mary Tunstall Degge.

Item. After the death of my wife or other determination of her Estate herein to her bequeathed and also after the payment of the above mentioned Legacies to my two relations Mary Tunstall and Ann Degge, I give, bequeath and devise all the rest remainder or residue of my Estate unto Mary Tunstall and Ann Degge equally to be held and possessed by them during their Natural Life or lives together with the use of my Lands in Lancaster County during their Natural Live or Lives and at their Decease my Lands in Lancaster to descend to my Brother Wm. Degges, son Simon or Heirs forever.

Lastly. I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary Degge and my two relations Mary Tunstall and Ann Degge my whole and sole Exors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking, cancelling and disannualling all Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name and seal the Day and Year above written.

Isaac Degge

Signed, Sealed and Declared by Isaac Degge to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us whose names are hereunto subscribed,

James Maxwell  
Armistead Currie

Gilbert Currell  
William Degge



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At a Court held for Lancaster County on the 15th day of July 1793 this last will and testament of Isaac Degge dec'd was this day proved in Court by the oaths of Gilbert Currell Armistead Currie and William Degge, three of the witnesses thereto and admitted to Record, and upon the motion of Mary Degge and Ann Degge two of the Executors therein named having made oath and given Bond with Security according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

A true copy.

Sam P. Gresham, C.C.

James Gordon, C.L.C.

(Clerk Lancaster County)

Lancaster C. H. (Court House), Va.

Isaac Degges - Proved July 16, 1793.

Wife Mary my estate for her natural life. Relation Mary Tunstall Degges, 100L. etc. Relation Ann Degges 100L. etc. Use of my lands to wife and to Mary Tunstall and Ann during their lives and at their decease my lands in Lancaster to descend to my brother Wm Degges' son Simon forever.

Pg. 111, Bk. 27 - Estates - App. of the unadministered Estate of Isaac Degge, deceased, taken March 6, 1812. Amounted to \$2436.36.

At a court held June 15, 1812, this Inventory of the appraisement of the estate of Isaac Degge was ordered to be recorded.

Pg. 111 - Appraisement of the estate of Christopher Gayle, Mch 6, 1812. (brother-in-law of Isaac Degge). Due on division of negroes from John Degges heirs - Peter \$300 and Billy \$250, 6 barrels of corn due from Hugh Brant - etc. - Daniel P. Mitchell, Adm.

Pg. 112 - Order of Court Feb 17, 1812 dividing the negro property of Isaac Degge:

Lot No. 1 to John Degge, Nat \$350 - Patty \$300 - \$650

Lot No. 2 to Christopher Gayle, Peter \$350 - Billy \$250 - \$600

Lot No. 3 to William Degge - Gibs \$350 - Nancy \$150 - Crip \$20 - \$520

Lot No. 4 to Ann Boss - Solomon \$333 - Jerry \$335 - \$666

Mch 6, 1812

Pg. 122 - Acct of the estate of Isaac Degge - Mch 6, 1812. William Degges buys Dish and Arm Chair.

Estate of Isaac Degges to Wm. Degge, Adm.

To my expenses to and from Richmond together with what cash paid Mr. Wickham for advice \$23.50

Pg. 281 (Note: This should follow Isaac's will, p. 31) - Ordered on petition of Gilbert Currell that Mary Degge and John Brent and Ann his wife who was Ann Degge (Mary and Ann Executrixes of Isaac Degge) to appear and give security to indemnify him for having security for their said Exor.ship.

Pg. 72. Court half (Quarterly) Nov 20, 1792. On motion of John Digges leave is given him to preach in the Courthouse.







NOTE: Mrs. J. F. Traylor of Rockdale, Texas, wrote a letter dated 29 Aug 1876 to Wm. H. Degges, the compiler of these notes. She sent a copy of the records found in her grandfather's Bible. He belonged to the family of John Tunstall Degges (b. 1765), but she does not give her grandfather's name. She says, "The first name on the record, and I have no idea who he was, reads: 1793, May 7th, A little before sunset, Isaac Degge departed this life, being 54 years and 6 months, born in 1739." This Isaac Degges was a first cousin once removed to John Tunstall Degges (b. 1765) thus:

	John Degges	
Simon Degge	--- brothers---	William Degges m. Dorothy Smith
Isaac Degge	--- cousins----	William Degges m. Jane Currie
		John Tunstall Degges b. 1765

58. John Degge (see pg. 29 ) b. 3/16/1745, d. 9/27/1794, m. 3/10/1778 Dolly Degge (Wm., Wm., John, Isaac), first cousins once removed. She was born (see pp. 51 & 54 ) 1/22/1758, d. 11/11/1822. She m. 2d on 7/24/1800 Richard Mitchell. Children:
- 65. i. Child b. 8/ , d. 1/19/1779
  - 66. ii. Isaac Degge, b. 7/20/1780
  - 67. iii. Jane Currie Degge, b. 17/1781, d. 10/21/1785
  - x68. (p. 42) iv. John Tunstall Degge, b. 7/5/1784, d. 7/7/1874, m. 1st Nellis S. Waddy 8/29/1804, d. 7/20/1811; m. 2d Harriet Ingram
  - 69. v. Dolly Degge, b. 10/5/1787, d. 10/12/1787
  - x70. vi. William Degge, b. 12/21/1788, d. 10/29/1845, m. Margaret O'Neal Leland 9/27/1810. She was b. 9/15/1790, d. 11/26/1872 (see pp. 51 & 54 )
  - x71. vii. Mary Smith Degge, b. 10/29/1793, m. 1st Bidcar George 5/6/1812; m. 2d Capt. Currell (see pp. 49, )

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WILL OF DOROTHY MITCHELL FORMERLY DOLLY DEGGE, WIDOW OF JOHN

Lends the use of Gigg and harness to son JOHN and his wife and children for and during the life of said son John; and if he dies before his wife it is my will that his widow have the use of the same while she remains the widow of my said son John. I also lend to my said son John the use of my bed and furniture already in his possession and one large pair of and-irons, my Buffet, one iron pot, one lead candle of rhis and family's use. And after the death of my said son and the widowhood of his wife I give all the aforementioned property to be equally divided among all his children. I give to my son John an over coat at the price of eleven dollars. To my granddaughter Dorothy S. Degge and my grandson James W. Degge, each the sum of Fifty dollars which I deem shall be kept in the hands of my son-in-law Bidkar George until he, my son-in-law shall think proper to use it for then provided they live to use the same as before mentioned, but if either of my said Grandchildren depart this life before the same is used for them then I give the said fifty dollars to my son William.

I give to my son Wm. One hundred and eleven dollars and one white counterpane, one large glass tumbler and large china Bowl.







I give to my son-in-law Bedkar George One hundred and eleven dollars.

I give to my granddaughter Dorothy S. Degge one bed.

It is my will that provided my son William shall send from Georgetown a new set of Gigg Harness which I have written to him for. I lend them to go with the Gigg to my son John and family instead of the present harness and the price of the new set to be taken from the legacy of Fifty dollars to each of my grandchildren, Dorothy S. Degge and James W. Degge and in that case I give my first set of harness to my brother John T. Degge.

I give to my granddaughter Jane E. George my large clothes trunk.

I give to my granddaughter Mary S. George my small clothes trunk.

All the rest of my estate I give to my daughter Mary S. George.

Appoint Bidkar George my son-in-law executor.

WITNESS: Spencer George

Proved Nov 18, 1822

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Lancaster Court House, Virginia

WILL OF RICHARD MITCHELL - Proved Mch 20, 1821

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Dolly all her dower in the estate of her former husband John Degge which I have received; to her to dispose of as she may think proper, provided, however, that she my said wife shall not claim any part of my estate as dower or thirds:

To my sons James, Thaddeus, John Westley and Daniel Payne Mitchell

To my daughters, Fanny Peckering, Betsy Hays

To my granddaughter, Fanny Bromley Mitchell

To my grandson, Meredeth Muse

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Daniel Payne Mitchell's will proved July 21, 1828 (his first wife who was Catherine C. Degge died June 1, 1807):

To my son Daniel Payne Mitchell...

To my wife Elizabeth...

To my daughter Margaret M. Mitchell...

To my daughter Elizabeth I. Mitchell...

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Daniel Payne Mitchell's will provided Apr 20, 1846

To my sister Margaret M. Hughlett...

To my sister Mary Jane Beane, one hundred dollars...

To my sister Polly Harvey, one hundred dollars...

To Benj. Warwick, one hundred dollars...

To my wife Jane E. Mitchell and my two children Daniel Payne and Sophia Virginia..

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(See p.        for letter from Geo. Anthony Degge, nephew of Wm. W. Degge, Norfolk, Va., who wrote letter April 2, 1881 as follows:

"...My grandmother, Mrs. Mary Degge, being too old to write, and being anxious to impart any information in her possession or mine, I will answer your inquiries as best I can .... thirty years ago a portion of the family record was lost out of the old English Bible now in our possession. About that time, my grandfather, while endeavoring to obtain money due the Degge family (see pp. 95, 96 ) In assisting his agents to obtain all the information possible allowed them to take the old Bible to their law office, and when he secured it part of the family record had been destroyed. The earliest date of birth now in it is "Anthony Degge, 1714." This name occurs



I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on.

I hope you are well and happy, and that you are enjoying your life.

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oftener than any other. (see pp. 13, 74, 86). We also have the Coat of Arms of the Degge family, which bears the name of Anthony Degge. My grandmother says it bore the date 1400 and something. The names and dates are so faded that we cannot make them out. The old lady, my grandmother's aunt, who held this Bible, was named Mary Degge, and never married. She died in Smithfield, Isle of Wight County, Va. My grandfather often said that his forefathers and the Todd family came to this country together and settled in that country... I will call on my uncle, Geo. Anthony Degge, from whom I can get further information."

On the back leaf introducing the Book of Psalms in this old Bible, Wm. H. Degges (compiler of these notes originally) copied this record: "John Degge son of Simon and Nancy Degge was born Nov 16, 1745 and departed this life Sept 27, 1794 on Saturday morning about sunrise, being 48 years 10 months and 16 days of age. Mary S. Degges, (daughter of John Degge and Dolly his wife was born Oct the 29th day of 1793. Dorothy Mitchell departed this life Nov 16, 1822 between two and three o'clock in the morning, being Saturday (Note: This was the widow of John Degge who married Richard Mitchell July 24, 1800.)" One page of the "Family Record" in this old Bible, referring to the Degge family had been torn out when it came into my possession. (Signed) Wm. H. Degges.

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PEDIGREE CHART  
(See pp. )

- (1) Isaac Degge, first American settler
- (2) John Degge, d. 1726, m. \_\_\_\_\_; m. 2d Johanna Kilbee
- (3) Simon Degge (bro) (3) Wm. Degge (1/2 bro) Anthony 3 Degge
- (4) John Degge (cousins) (4) Wm Degge (cousins) Anthony Degge 4 m. \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Dolly Degge (2d) Joshua 5 Degge

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Anthony 6 Degge (bro & sis) Mary (Polly) Degge d. in Isle of Wight Co., Va.

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John Lawson 7 Degge (bro & sis) Polina 7 Degge m. \_\_\_\_\_  
m. Mary Degge (7)

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Geo. Anthony S. Degge

:  
brother 8 Degge

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Wm. W. 9 Degge, writer of  
letter, p.

John Lawson Degge m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ who claims Mary (Polly) Degge who d. 1836 in Isle of Wight Co. as her aunt according to Wm. W. Degge's letter, p. She must have been the daughter of Polina Degge and her husband, name not known.

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The following of the Degges family were members of the Sixty First (61st) Regt. Virginia Militia (in the War of 1813-1814 and 1815) organized in Matthews Co., Va., and commanded by Lavin Gale, Colonel (his mother was the daughter of SIMON DEGGES (see #60, p. 29) of Lancaster Co., formerly of Gloucester).

Capt. Bailey Degges' Co.:

John Degges, Sgt.  
George Degges, Corp.  
Joel Degges, Pvt.  
Isaac Degges, Pvt.  
Anthony Degges, Pvt.  
Augustine Degges, Pct., Sen.

Capt. Thos. Teagle Todd Tabb's Co.:

Jesse Degges, Sgt.  
John Degges (of Joshua), Corp.  
Anthony Degges, Pvt.  
Barber Degges, Pvt.  
Cole Degges, Pvt.  
James Degges, Pvt.

Capt. John Billup's Co.:

John Degges, Lt.  
Anthony Degges, Pvt.  
Bailey Degges, Pvt.

Capt. Henry Degges' Co.:

Davis Degges, Sgt.  
Bailey Degges, Pvt.  
John Degges, Pvt.  
John Gayle, Pvt.

Capt. Langley B. Eddin's Co.:

John Degges, Sgt.  
Anthony Degges, Pvt.

Capt. Gabriel Hughes' Co.:

Blackwell Degges, Pvt.

Capt. Thomas James' Co.:

William Degges, Sgt.  
Samuel Degges, Pvt.

Capt. Thomas James' Co.:

Augustine Degges, Pvt.  
John Degges, Pvt.

Capt. Francis Jarvis' Co.:

Anthony Degges, Corp.

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56. William Degge (see p. 29), m. 1st Mary Gale; m. 2d Mary Sutton, dau of Rowland Sutton and his wife Ann Morgan Sutton. The following documents belong to these families:

WILLS OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Bundle 126: DAVID MORGAN - to wife Eliza and 2 children. Proved 26 Oct 1719.

Bundle 139: WILLIAM MORGAN - To son John Morgan. To son Josiah Morgan, daughter Ann Sutton (that plantation where she now lives that I bought of John Row). To my daughter Johannah Lee. To my daughter Letetia Hill. To my daughter Rose Jones. Proved 3 Apr 1764.

F. 293: JOSIAH MORGAN - Inventory of estate signed at a court held Oct 26, 1784 by John Morgan, Neeldes Hill, and Rowland Sutton.

F. 302: JOHN MORGAN - To Agnes Powell, wife of Jeremiah Powell, their daughter Lucy Powell. To John Sutton, son of Rowland Sutton, deceased. To Mary Doyne Dudley, daughter of Ann Dudley, deceased. Proved 23, 1785.

Bundle 1: JOHN SUTTON - To my sons Christopher and John Sutton. To my daughters Nabel and Cassandra. To my wife Elizabeth. Proved May 2, 1693.







F Page 245: WILL OF ROWLAND SUTTON - Proved Oct 23, 1732. To my son John Gayle Sutton. To my beloved wife. To my two daughters, MARY DIGGS and Nancy Dudley. Appoint my beloved wife executrix with WILLIAM DIGGS and Charles Dudley executors.

Appraisement, p. 250, shows: 1 bed, 2 sheets and 1 blanket to WM DEGGES, 6 leather chairs, etc. to WM DEGGES. 1 table to WM DEGGES, 2 cows and calves to MR WM DEGGES. Dinah and child Sall at MR. WM. DEGGES'.

No. 2, 267, 368: Estate of Rowland Sutton Feb 1806. Stock, etc., lent to WM DEGGES etc. Charles Dudley, etc. Sept 28, 1807. Staunton B. Dudley Dr. Assenith Dudley, Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Wm Degges, Dr. \_\_\_\_\_. f

P. 371: WM AND MARY DEGGES Slaves to Wm Degges Tony a man, Sall a woman, Lucy a girl, Peter a boy, Hannah a girl, Divide the lot which fell to Chas. Dudley and wife to their heirs as follows: To Thomas Merchant and Lucy his wife, to Alice Dudley, to Doratha Dudley, to Jane Dudley, to Assenith Dudley.

No. 2, 353: JOHN SUTTON - To my wife Ann Sutton and to my children Rowland Sutton, Maria Sutton, John Sutton, Robert Sutton, and Ann Sutton, to be educated and maintained to age of 21 or marry...the charges allowed me for the board of the orphans of Charles Dudley, deceased, I give to the said orphans. Appoint as executors Wife Ann Sutton and Staige Davis. Proved May 27, 1807.

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The Dudley and Sutton families were related in some way.

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NOTE: Ann Morgan married Rowland Sutton. Their daughter, Mary Sutton, married William Degge (see p. 37 above).

B. 126 DAVID MORGAN - To wife Eliz and two children. Proved Oct 26, 1719.

E. 189 WILLIAM MORGAN - To son John Morgan. To son Josiah Morgan, daughter Ann Sutton (see note above)(that plantation where she now lives that I bought of John Row). To my daughter Johannah Lee. To my daughter Letetia Hill. To my daughter Rose Jones. Proved 3 Apr 1764.

F. 293 JOSIAH MORGAN - Inventory of estate signed at a court held Oct 26, 1784 by John Morgan, Needles Hill, and Rowland Sutton.

F. 302 JOHN MORGAN - To Agnes Powell, wife of Jeremiah Powell. To Lucy Powell, their daughter. To John Sutton, son of Rowland Sutton, deceased. (See No. 2, 353) To Mary Gwyne Dudley, daughter of Ann Dudley, deceased. Proved May 22, 1785.

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The Morgan, Sutton, and Dudley, and Jones families were related. Jones documents follow: (See p. 57 for Jones families)



1941 May 1

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The Board of Directors of the American Red Cross, Inc.

NOTE

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VA., RECORDS

- Bundle 1      HUMPHREY JONES - To my son Humphrey Jones and my three grandchildren Wyntfer Seager, Katherine Seager, and Oliver Seager. Appoint my daughter Marie Seager and friend Humphrey Floyd my exrs. Proved Nov 3, 1684.
- A. 151      FRANCIS JONES - Mentions Petition of Elenor Slaughter, May 3, 1703. To Elnor Slaughter and to Anne Morgan (see #56, p 29) and Ann Mason his sisters' daughters.
- A. 24      WM JONES - To my sons Wm Jones, Thomas Jones, James Jones. To my daughters Anne Jones and Elizabeth and my wife Mary. Proved Mch 6, 1709.
- C. 349      WM JONES - To his wife Mary Jones, Proved Apr 7, 1747.
- C. 410      WM JONES - To sons Rice Jones, Thomas Jones. To daughter Susannah Jones. His brothers Executors - Rice Jones and John Jones. Proved Apr 5, 1748.
- C. 182      WILLIAM JONES - To wife Elizabeth Jones my whole estate during her widowhood out of which she is to maintain my daughter's until she comes of age or marries. If wife marries and daughter dies then between my brothers and sisters and their heirs forever. Wife Eliza. and brother Gabriel, Executors. Proved Feb 28, 1791.
- B. 5      THOMAS JONES - To my son John and if he die before the age of sixteen then my will and desire is that Richard Blakley, Robert Blakley and Annie Blakely shall have my estate. Proved Sept 18, 1718.
- C. 135      MARY JONES - To my daughter Katherine Jones and to my five grand-daughters, Pauldin Andersons Children - Between my son Churchill Jones and daughter Katherine Jones. Proved Mch 6, 1743.
- D. 73      JOHN JONES - To Ann Deagle and Rebecca Deagle and to my friend Churchill Jones. Proved Nov 7, 1749.
- D. 245      JOHN JONES - To my brother Rice Jones, Godson Samuel Smith, Goddaughter Margaret Montague, Nephew Webb and my nephews and niece - Rice, Thomas and Susannah Jones. Proved July 7, 1752.
- D. 412      CHURCHILL JONES - To my wife Anne Jones, son Churchill Jones and son William Jones. Proved 2 Aug 1757.
- F. 36      LUCY JONES -      1788
- F. 90      LODWICK JONES - To my wife Lucy Jones. To my daughter Elizabeth Travas Jones. Proved Jan 27, 1777.
- Bundle 5      ELIZABETH JONES - To my daughter Betsy Morgan - that I received from my deceased husband Wm. Jones and part of the estate to my deceased husband's brothers and sisters - and that the estate that comes by me to my brothers Stapgton Davis and George Davis - that Mr. Staige Davis be guardian to my daughter Botsey M. Jones. Proved Feb 4, 1794.



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F. 195. WILL OF ISAAC JONES (To my living wife Rose Jones)-- after the death of my wife Rose Jones or intermarriage I give to my beloved son William Jones the land whereon I now live.

I desire that my son William Jones have my gun.

I desire that my sons Gabriel and Isaac Jones have my lands at the Church Quarter equally divided and L100 each out of the money now on my house and which to be put at interest till they come of age of twenty-one-

All the rest of my estate to be divided between all my children at the death or intermarriage of my wife.

William, Gabriel, Isaac Jones, Sarah Hackney, Lucy Jones, Fanny and Betsey Jones.

My further desire is that my wife give one barrel of corn to Mary Dudley, Senr.

Proved Sept 25, 1780                      Bonds L500,000

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MIDDLESEX COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA (see p. 45)

Will Book "E" page 378.

Alexander Frazier of Urbanna, Va., Middlesex Co., Va.

I give to the poor of Middlesex Co. fifty pounds current money of Virginia, to be paid to the Church Wardens, etc. I give the land purchased of Mr. James Reed to the Parish of Christ Church this county for the benefit of a free school for poor children.

I give to Mrs. Annie Ross, my wife's niece five hundred pounds current money to be paid after my death on demand.

I give to Charlotte Neilson daughter of Charles Nielson, Esq. my negro girl Lucis and her two children.

I give to James Gregorie my negro girl Sarah and my boy Robin.

I give to Mrs. Theodosia Ross fifty pounds sterling to be paid her in Edinburgh after my death.

After my just debts are paid I give the remainder of my estate both real and personal to the said Mrs. Annie Ross and her heirs forever and appoint my friends Mr. David Ker and James Gregorie Executors, Etc.

Signed Mch 2, 1768

Proved July 4, 1769.

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Will & Estate Book No. 2. The Inventory and appraisement of Alexander Frazier was returned by James Gregorie, surviving Executor, and ordered to be recorded Apr 25, 1803. (see p. , #9, )

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VA., RECORDS

JAMES DUDLEY (1768) - To Lucy Columbia, James Ismore and Mary Magdalene, my children... If my above named children should die before they arrive at age my property shall be equally divided between my two sons Peyton G. and Frederick M. Dudley.

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The name of James Dixon appears as a purchaser of articles sold by apprise-ment. Will Book A, p. 389.

Fredericksburg, Virginia  
Clerk's office, Nov 26, 1914.







WILL OF THOMAS JONES - Proved Aug 13, 1837

I, Thomas Jones of the town of Fredericksburg late of Stafford Co. advanced in years...

Appoint Lewis Lunn of Bucks Co., Pa. sole Exor. and Trustee.

My wife Sarah to have a reasonable allowance.

To my sons Enos, Samuel, Thomas, and Isaac Jones, my grist and saw mills with the land attached which are in Baltimore Co., Md.

To my daughters Rebecca Williams of Baltimore Co., Md. Leah Lunn of Bucks Co., Pa., Rachael..of Balto. Co., Hannah Owens of Chester Co., Pa. Susanna Jones, Philadelphia Jones and Sarah Jones of Bucks Co., Pa. 50 pounds current money each.

Wants his Exor to sell about 160 acres of land which I hold in Stafford Co. and divide the proceeds among my daughters.

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WILL OF CHARLES JONES - Proved July 13, 1810

To my wife Letitia Jones and children. James R. Jones, Charles Jones, Wm. Lewis Jones, Martha A. Jones, Letitia R. Jones, Johanna Jones and Maria Jones.

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SMITH WILL OF MIDDLESEX CO., VA.

Bundle 1. ROBERT SMITH Senr. - To son Robert Smith, Jr. sole heir. Proved July 4, 1687.

Bundle 3. JOHN SMITH - To my son John Smith the plantation where my father Alexander Smith dwelt. To my son Maurice Smith and Samuel Smith.. To my daughter Jane Smith.. My loving brother Maurice Cock as Executor. Proved Apr 6, 1695.

A. 170 THOMAS SMITH - To my son and daughter, John Smith and Anne Smith, but if both die to my loving brother James and heirs forever. John and James, his brothers, as guardians. Proved June 4, 1706. Mentions Capt. John Smith and Wm. Kilbee as executors.

Bundle 3. ALEXANDER SMITH - To my only son John Smith..To my daughter Rachel Wyatt.. Wm. Wyatt of King and Queen Co. executor. Proved..1696.

B. 242 JOHN SMITH - To my wife Elizabeth Smith and my grandson John Smith the younger my plantation and all the lands thereon, he and his heirs forever. My will is that my son Thomas Smith may have the privilege of mowing hay on the Marshes belonging to the above bequeathed land during the term of his natural life if he thinks fitt. Thomas made guardian for grandson until 21 years of age. Give and bequeath unto my son and daughter, John and Jane Price 20 shillings to buy mourning. To my grandson John Smith the older 50 L on the birth of his first child. To my granddaughter Jane Price L30.. To my granddaughter Martha Smith L30. Proved Apr 3, 1722.

B. 254 THOMAS SMITH - To my wife Ann Smith and after her death to my son Gregory Smith and heirs forever. My land in Essex Co. to my two sons, Gregory and Thomas to be divided by a branch..where John Billings (?) Billips lived..To my son Gregory Smith and heirs forever for want of such heirs to my son Anthony Smith etc., and if John Smith the son of my sister Frances Smith dies without heirs, etc. to my sisters Jane Price and Francis Smith. Witnesses Edward Smith. Proved June 4, 1723.



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- B. 333 JOHN SMITH - To my brother James Smith and my nephew John Smith. To my nephew Wm. Smith. To my niece Phoebe Lawson. To my niece Phoebe Daniel. To my niece Jane Smith. To my niece Elizabeth Smith. To my niece Ann Smith and my niece Margaret Smith, daughters of my brother James Smith. To my three nephews Cary, Wm and Oswell and my niece Dinah. Executors Cary, Wm and Oswell Smith and nephew Wm Lawson. Proved Jan 2, 1727.
- B. 345 JAMES SMITH - To my brothers Oswald, Cary, Wm Smith. Father, James Smith to be executor. June 4, 1728. Witnessed by Anne Smith.
- B. 352 JAMES SMITH - To my children, Elizabeth, Anne, Margaret, Cary, Wm., Oswald, Dinah Smith together with my grandson James Decler his estate. Proved Dec 3, 1728.
- C. 101 CARY SMITH - To my wife Ann Smith and daughters Mary and Catey - and Sampson Dorell, my sister's son. Proved Aug 2, 1743.
- C. 322 JOHN SMITH - To my wife Elizabeth, son John, and two daughters Ruth and Frances. Executor, son-in-law John Batchelder. Proved Aug 5, 1745.
- C. 291 ANTHONY SMITH - To his mother Mrs. Ann Smith 1745.
- D. 57 ANN SMITH - To my grandson Thomas Smith. To my granddaughter Ann Smith. To my son Anthony Smith. To my daughters Martha Bowker, Ann Gardner, and Elizabeth Forster. Sons-in-law Achillis Bowker and James Gardner. Proved July 4, 1749.
- D. 145 FRANCES SMITH - To my mother Elizabeth Smith 1750.
- D. 459 ELIZABETH SMITH - To Wm Daniel, son of Richard and Ann Daniel, and later to his brother John Daniell. Proved July 4, 1758.
- E. 463 JAMES SMITH - To my daughters Esther, Frances, Sarah, Molly. To my sons John and James. To my wife Frances Smith. Proved May 27, 1771.
- F. 9 ELIZABETH SMITH - To my granddaughter Franky Smith. To my granddaughter Judith Smith. To my grandson John Smith. Executor, Maurice Smith. Proved May 25, 1773.
- F. 33 AUGUSTINE SMITH - To wife Margaret Smith. Son Augustine Jaquelin Smith (hereafter to be named). Daughters Mary Jaquelin Smith and Mildred Smith. My Exor's to settle with Mr. David Boyd on amount of L1000 promised by him on the marriage between his daughter Margaret and myself. Appoint my brother John and brother Edward Smith Executors and guardians to my daughter Mildred. Proved Oct 24, 1774.
- F. 231 MARGARET SMITH - To son Augustine Jaquelin Smith. Daughter Mary Jaquelin Smith. To my cousin Jane Swan. To Millie Smith my daughter. Father David Boyd. Proved May 27, 1782.
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68. John Tunstall Degge, b. 7/5/1784 (see pp. 33 ), d. 7/7/1874 (see p.33),  
m. 1st 8/29/1804 Nellie S. Waddy who d. 7/20/1811; m. 2d 12/22/1811 Harriet  
Ingram who d. 5/21/1879. Children by 1st wife:

- 72 i. Dolly S. Degges b. 1/15/1806, d. 8/8/1836  
73 ii. Elizabeth Degges b. 7/20/1807, d. 7/20/1811  
x74 (p. 51) iii. James W. Degges b 9/16/1808, d. 2/16/1856, m. 1st Ann McClanahan who  
d. 1839; m. 2d Melissa G. Lawson b. 9/9/1813, d. 6/26/1884. Mrs.  
Lavenia Brown was living in Lancaster, Va. in 1881; could not find  
any letter from her in the notes of Wm. H. Degges Ms.

Children by 2d wife:

- 75 iv. Olivia Degges b. 12/25/1812  
76 v. Amelia Ann Degges b. 10/5/1814, m. William Currie Degge 10/22/1835.  
He was son of John Tunstall Degge (Wm Degge, m. Jane Currie); Amelia  
and her husband were first cousins, once removed.)  
77 vi. Margaret Degges b. 3/24/1817, d. 10/30/1822  
78 vii. William Porry Degges b. 2/21/1819, d. 10/16/1823  
77a viii. Harriet Ingram Degges b. 1/21/1821, d. 9/11/1876, m. Nathaniel R.  
Crump 1837  
78a ix. Charles Taylor Degges b. 4/23/1823, d. 10/20/1825  
79 x. John Henry Degges b. 5/7/1825, d. 9/1/1825

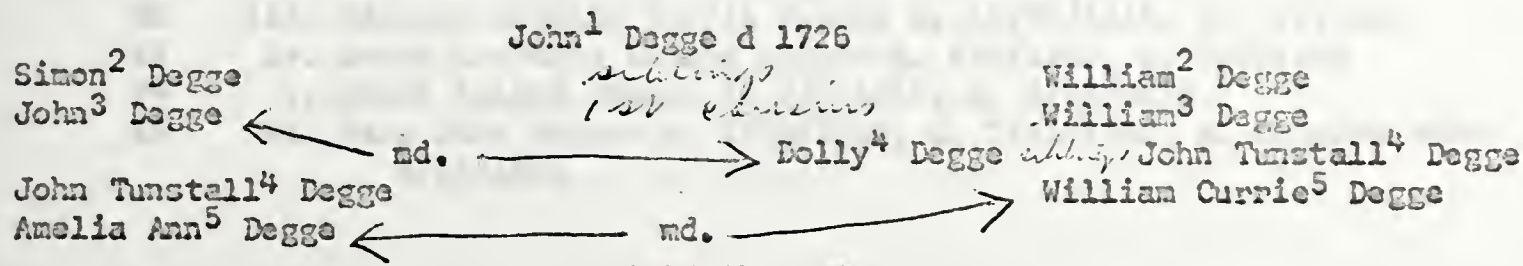
From a letter written April 13, 1881 by James W. Crump, Thompson P. O., Houston Co.,  
Texas:

"My aunt received your letter a few days ago and at her request I will endeavor  
to give you all the information in reference to the pedigree of the Degges family  
that we have in possession.

"The first birth we have on record is that of John T. Degges, son of John Degges,  
born July 4th, 1784. He married (first) to Nelley S. Waddey, August 29th, 1804,  
(second) he married Harriet Ingram, December 22nd, 1817. Died July 7th, 1874.  
Nelley S. Degges, first wife of John T. Degges died July 29th, 1811. Harriet Degges,  
second wife of John T. Degges died May 21st, 1879. Dolly S. Degges, daughter of John  
T. Degges and Nelley S. Degges, born January 15th, 1806. Died August 8th, 1836.  
Elizabeth Degges, daughter of John T. and Nelley S. Degges, born July 29th, 1807,  
died July 20th, 1811. James W. Degges, son of John T. and Nelley S. Degges, born  
September 16th, 1808.

"We have no record of James W. Degges' marriage or death. By writing to his  
daughter, Mrs. Lavenia Brown, at Lancaster Court House, Lancaster County, Va., you  
can obtain the desired information about him and his descendants." (Note. I do  
not find a letter from Mrs. Brown among the notes of W. H. Degges. RTR) More of  
this letter will be found below.

Chart showing connection between the two John Tunstall Degges:





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Amelia Ann and Wm Currie Degge were first cousins once removed through her mother, and cousins three times removed through her grandfather John<sup>3</sup> Degge.

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To quote again from the James W. Crump letter:

"John T. Degges, son of William and Jane Degges (see John T. Degges in the foregoing chart on right-hand side) was born Dec 8, 1765. Married to Lucy Waddey Feb 25th, 1800, and to Mary Brent July 20th, 1809. Died Dec 29th, 1826. Lucy Degges died Nov 25th, 1800. Mary Degges died Apr 20th, 1833. The following are the names of the children of John T. and Mary Degges:

"W. C. Degges, born Jan 5th, 1811, married to Amelia Ann Degges Oct 22nd, 1835. Died June 17th, 1873. James B. Degges born Mar 29th, 1812. We have no record of his mar. or death, but you can get any information desired from Mrs. Virginia Traylor. She has married Mr. Seely since you saw her. (Note: Mrs. Traylor Seely's letter is quoted elsewhere in the biograph of W. C. Degges.)

"Eliza B. Degges, born Apr 22nd, 1814. Died July 5th, 1834. John T. Degges, born July 22nd, 1816. Died June 2nd, 1844. Robert F. Degges, born May 10th, 1818. (You may get any necessary information about R. F. Degges from his widow, Mrs. Harriet F. Degges.) (Note: Her letter is quoted later in biographical sketch for R. F. Degges.) Jane C. Degges, born Mar 10th, 1820. Died Aug 2nd, 1821. Mary Brent Degges born Aug 16th, 1822. You can get the date of her marriage and death from her daughter, Miss Lila Crawford, Chappell Hill, Washington County, Texas. (Note: this information will be found in its proper place in following pages.) The following are the names of the children of John T. and Harriet Ingram Degges:

"Olivia Degges, born Dec 25th, 1812. Have no record of her marriage and death, but you may get it from one of her sons in this State, if I can I will send it to you as soon as possible.

"Amelia Ann Degges, born Oct 5th, 1814. Married to William Curry Degges October 22nd, 1835. Margret Degges, born Mar 24th, 1817. Died Oct 30th, 1822. William Perry Degges born Feb 21st, 1819. Died Oct 15th, 1823. Harriet Ingram Degges born Jan 21st, 1821. Married to Nathaniel R. Crump 1837. Died Sept 11th, 1866. Charles Taylor Degges, born April 23rd, 1823. Died Oct 20th, 1825. John Henry Degges, born May 7th, 1825. Died Sept 1st, 1825.

"The John T. Degges who heads the above Record had a brother named William Degges who resided in Washington City. I know nothing of his birth or death. Probably you are a descendant of him. We have a partial record of another family of Degges who sprung from a cousin of the above John T. Degges, which I have given to you. You will perceive it is also headed by John T. Degges.

"My Aunt wishes to know the name of your father, also the names of your father's brothers and sisters, if he had, or has any. We were much pleased as well as surprised to hear from you and would be glad to hear from you at any future time."

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70. William Degge(see p. 33), b. 12/21/1788, d. 10/29/1845, m. 9/27/1810 Margaret O'Neal Leland b. 9/15/1790, d. 11/26/1872. Children:

- x80 i. Wm Henry Decatur Degges b. 1/27/1812, d. 3/20/1883, m. 1st Harriet Dixon, m. 2d Elizabeth Fox
- 81 ii. John Oliver Perry Degges, b. 1/16/1813, d. 9/8/1836
- 82 iii. Addison Blakely Currie Degges b. 10/20/1814, d. 9/8/1836
- 83 iv. James Lawrence Ludlow Degges b. 6/9/1816, d. 7/9/1816
- 84 v. James Leland Degges b. 7/1/1817, d. 8/21/1818
- 85 vi. Mary Jane Degges b. 1/23/1819, d. 3/31/1842, m. Charles Abbot 6/16/1841







- x86 vii. Robert Hamilton Degges b. 5/19/1820, d. 3/28/1863, m. Mary Ann Spalding 1/9/1826, d. 7/15/1887  
87 viii. Margaret Malvena Degges b. 3/16/1822, d. 2/8/1824  
88 ix. Isaac Tunstall Degges b. 3/29/1824, d. 8/31/1843  
89 x. Philip Edwin Degges b. 6/29/1826, d. 1/15/1891  
x90 xi. Laura Virginia Degges b. 4/24/1829, d. , m. Robert M. Sutton 12/14/1852

#### WILLIAM DEGGE - HIS BIBLE

Bought of Thomas Reed Merchant in Northumberland Co. and given to Jane Degge the said Bible. I, Jane Degge, do give it my nephew, William Degge, by his promising it shall never go out of the family.

"William Degges, his book given to him March 16th, 1810 by Jane Degge."

(Note: This William Degge is #70, p. 43. His mother, Dolly Degge, had a sister Jane Degge; Dolly and Jane were daughters of William and Jane (Currie) Degge. Note records from it in biographical sketch for William and Jane (Currie) Degge)

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Record of births and marriages, Lancaster Court House, Virginia (Clerk's Office):

1. William Degges born Lancaster Co., Va. Dec 21, 1788 of John and Dolly Degges. Died Oct 29, 1834.
2. Margaret O'Neal Leland born of John and Elizabeth Leland, Sept 15, 1790. Died Nov 26, 1872.
3. Wm. Degges and Margaret O'Neal Leland were married Sept 27, 1810.
4. Wm Henry Decatur Degges born Jan 27, 1812, died Mar 20, 1883.
5. John Oliver Perry Degges born 16th of Jan 1813, died Mar 25, 1847.
6. Addison Blakely Currie Degges born Oct 20, 1814, died Sept 8, 1836.
7. James Lawrence Ludlow Degges born June 8, 1816, died July 9, 1816.
8. James Leland Degges born July 1, 1817, died Aug 21, 1818.
9. Mary Jane Degges born Jan 23, 1819, died Mar 31, 1842.
10. Robert Hamilton Degges born May 19, 1820, died Mar 23, 1863.
11. Margaret Malvena Degges born Mar 16, 1822, died Feb 8, 1824.
12. Isaac Tunstall Degges born Aug 29, 1824, died Aug 31, 1843.
13. Philip Edwin Degges born June 29, 1826, died Jan 15, 1891.
14. Laura Virginia Degges born Apr 24, 1829.
15. Charles Abbot and Mary Jane Debbes m. June 16, 1841.
16. Robert M. Sutton and Laura Virginia Degges m. Dec 14, 1852.
17. Robert Hamilton Degges and Mary Ann Spalding m. Jan 3, 1844.

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80. William Henry Decatur Degges b. 1/27/1812, d. 3/20/1883, m. 1st Harriet Elizabeth Sixon; m. 2d Elizabeth Cox. Children by first marriage:

- 91 i. James A. Degges b. 1835, m. 1855 Martha Edwards and had:
  - 92 i. Thomas Henry Degges b. 1856
  - 93 ii. Sophia Alice Degges b. 1839
  - 94 iii. Wm Joseph Degges b. 1860
  - 95 iv. Ernest Elmer Degges b. 1862
  - 96 v. Harriet Degges b. 1864
  - 97 vi. Lilly Belle Degges b. 1866







- 98 ii. Margaret M. Degges b. 1837, m. Mar 1855 Charles W. Sherwood, had  
99. i. Lawrence W. Sherwood b. 1856
- 100 iii. William A. Degges b. 1839, m. Rose Sweeney. No children.
- 101 iv. Mary Jane Degges
- 102 v. Henry Clay Degges
- 103 vi. John Frederick Degges b. 1845, m. Louisa Bacon. Children:
  - 104 i. Frederick Degges
  - 105 ii. Mildred Degges
  - 106 iii. Margaret Degges
  - 107 iv. Henry Degges
  - 108 v. John Degges
  - 109 vi. Wm H. Degges
  - 110 vii. James R. Degges
  - 111 viii. Louise Degges
- 112 vii. Charles A. McComb Degges b. 1852

Children by second marriage:

- 113 viii. Edwin Degges
- 114 ix. Henry Degges
- 115 x. Mary Degges
- 116 xi. William Degges. No issue.
- 117 xii. Addison Degges

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- 86. Robert Hamilton Degges b. 5/19/1820 Lancaster Co., Va., d. 3/23/1863 (see Court record in the foregoing), m. 1/3/1844 Mary Ann Spalding. Children:
    - 118 i. William Hamilton Degges b. 10/4/1844, m. Mathilde Royston 11/26/1870. No children
    - 119 ii. Mary Virginia Degges b. 6/12/1848, m. George W. Bonnell 6/11/1868. Children:
      - 120 i. Mary Alice Bonnell b. 7/11/1869, d. 8/1/1870
      - 121 ii. Sarah W. Bonnell b. 2/7/1879, m. John B. Minor, living Richmond, Va. in 1950
      - 122 iii. Mary Spalding Bonnell, b. 6/22/1882, living Washington, D. C. in 1950.
      - 123 iv. John Adams Bonnell b. 9/7/1884
    - 124 iii. Randolph Eugene Degges b. 3/29/1852, d. 6/7/1852
    - 125 iv. John Banes Magruder Degges b. 9/27/1853, d. 12/29/1857

(Note: #118 Wm. Hamilton Degges is compiler of the Degges data used in this manuscript. It is through the generosity of his niece #121 that this compiler was able to edit his material. RTR)

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SPALDING BIBLE

- (sup. 34)
- I. Enoch Spalding m. Ann Frazier Dec 18, 1787. Children:
    - 1. Richard T. Spalding b. Nov 5, 1788, d. Jan 27, 1826
    - 2. Elizabeth Spalding m. Ignatious King July 13, 1809, b. Sept 25, 1790
    - 3. James Spalding b. Sept 30, 1792
    - 4. Elexius Spalding b. Oct 7, 1794, d. Apr 25, 1840
    - 5. Jane Spalding m. Southey Parket July 27, 1815, b. Feb 8, 1796, d. Oct 15, 1884
    - 6. Catherine Spalding m. Richard Smith Mar 3, 1821, b. Jan 17, 1798
    - 7. Wm R. Spalding m. Harriett Clark b. Mar 22, 1800
    - 8. Enoch Spalding b. May 28, 1802



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- II. John Spalding b. 1793, d. Jan 2, 1817
- III. Sarah Spalding d. Nov 6, 1818
- IV. Uriah Carberry b. Apr 14, 1792

#7 William R. and Harriet Spalding had:

- 9 i. Mary Ann Spalding b. Aug 15, 1816, m. Robt. Hamilton Degges (#85)
- 10 ii. John R. Spalding b. Dec 26, 1827
- 11 iii. Samuel McClain Spalding b. May 4, 1830

Wm R. Spalding d. June 26, 1839

Harriet H. Spalding d. Feb 4, 1868

Mary Ann (Spalding) Degges d. July 1888

Robert Hamilton Degges d. March 1863

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Spalding, Edward (R. I.) Capt. Elliotts R.I.S. Art., Jan 15 to Nov 1776

Spalding, Edward (Mass) 1st Lt. Cottons Mass. Regt. May-Dec 1775, 1st Lt. Cont.  
Inf. year 1776

Spalding, Eleazer (Mass) 1st Lt. Prescotts Mass. Regt. May-Dec 1775; 1st Lt. 7 Cont.  
Inf. 1776 (also called Ebenezer)

Spalding, John (Conn) Surg. 3 Conn. May 1-Oct 4, 1775; Surg. 20 Const. Inf. year 1776

Spalding, Joseph (Mass) 1st Lt. Prescotts Mass. Regt. May 1775

Spalding, Josiah (Conn) Lt. Cont. Militia. Wounded at Quaker Hill Aug 29, 1778

Spalding, Simon (Conn) 2nd Lt. Ransoms Wyoming Valley Co. Aug 26, 1776; 1st Lt. Jan 1,  
1777; Capt. Jan 24, 1778; To 1 Conn. Jan 1, 1781; retired Jan 1, 1783, died  
Jan 24, 1814.

Spalding, Thomas (Mass) 2nd Lt. Prescotts Mass. Regt. May-Dec 1775

Spalding, Levi (N.H.) Capt. 3 N. H. May-Dec 1775; Capt. 2 N. H. Inf 1776. Died Meh 1, 1835

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### TENNEY, PARKER, AND SPALDING LINES CONCERNED WITH PARKER AND SPALDING FAMILY

Our English home was Rowdy, County of Yorkshire, England. The Rev. Ezekiel Rogers, Rector of the Parish, refusing to accede to King Charles' demand to read the "Declaration of Sports" from the pulpit, with twenty families of his parish emigrated to this country in 1638. Thomas Tenney aged 24 and wife Ann were of this company. In April 1638, they were joined by forty more families. Their settlement was first called "Rogers Plantation," later changed to "Rowley" in honor of their English home.

THOMAS TENNEY and wife ANN TENNEY settled in Rowley April 1639. Died 1699 (Thomas). Ann Tenney died 1657, buried in Bradford, Mass. Supposed that they sailed from Hull on the ship "John"; arrived in Salem, Mass. Dec 1638. His second wife was Elizabeth Parat, widow.

THOMAS, son of Thomas and Ann Tenney, born in Rowley 1648, d. 1730; m. Margaret Hidden of Rowley.

SAMUEL, son of Thomas and Margaret (Hidden) Tenney, b. 1692, m. 1st Ann Cressey of Rowley; m. 2d Sarah Duty who d. 1767; he d. 1746

THOMAS, son of Samuel and Sarah (Duty) Tenney, m. Hannah Boynton of Newbury, Mass. 1745.







CAPT. MOSES, son of Thomas and Hannah (Boynton) Tenney, d. at sea; m. Anna Knight of Newburyport, Mass. 1797. Children:

1. Anna Tenney m. George Parker of Va.
2. Sarah Tenney d. unm. in Washington, D. C.
3. Abigail Tenney m. Southey Parker of Va. (see below)
4. Hannah Tenney d. unm. Buried in La Porte, Ind.
5. Mary Tenney d. unm. Buried in Washington, D. C.

ABIGAIL, dau of Capt. Moses Tenney and Anna Knight, m. Southey Parker Oct 4, 1806. His 1st wife was Hester Grennels whom he m. Aug 3, 1803. He m. 3rd Jane Spalding July 27, 1815. Children of Southey and Abigail (Tenney) Parker:

1. Thomas T. Parker b. June 14, 1807, m. Barbara Ann King Oct 12, 1830
2. Wm H. Parker b. Apr 14, 1809, m. Mary Augusta Hopkins Apr 10, 1832
3. Mary B. Parker b. Aug 10, 1811, m. Richard M. Newman Oct 6, 1831
4. Southey Parker b. Nov 14, 1813 by 3rd wife
5. Elizabeth K. Parker b. July 4, 1816, m. Lewis Chism Dec 27, 1832 (see below)
6. Jane C. Parker b. Oct 28, 1818
7. Ann W. Parker b. Mar 2, 1821, m. Wm T. Dove June 26, 1838
8. Southey S. Parker b. Nov 18, 1822, m. Mary Ann Waters May 4, 1848 (see below)
9. Catherine S. Parker b. May 8, 1825, m. John Larcombe May 7, 1844
10. Andrew Jackson Parker b. Nov 18, 1827
11. Henry Hunt Parker b. Mar 6, 1832

8. Southey S. Parker m. Isabelle Waters Oct 31, 1854

5. Virginia Chism and Wm Nash m. Apr 27, 1854

#### DEATHS

Hester Parker, wife of Southey Parker d. Dec 20, 1803

Abigail Parker, wife of Southey Parker d. Jan 12, 1815

Jane Parker, 3d wife of Southey Parker d. Oct 15, 1836, 89 yrs old.

Southey Parker d. Dec 23, 1838 aged 60 years

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From Bible belonging to Samuel Clark, born in Bolton 1785, died in Washington, D. C., he being the brother of Harriett (Spalding) Clark, the grandmother of Wm H. Degges, collector of this data.

JESSE CLARK b. Mar 3, 1763 in Maryland, m. CATHERINE MILLER b. 1766. Children:

1. Samuel Clark b. Sept 3, 1785
2. Mary Clark B. Feb 16, 1788
3. Catherine Clark b. Apr 17, 1791
4. Rebecca Clark b. Mar 8, 1794, d. July 21, 1795
5. Catherine Sagason, dau of Jessy and Catherine Clark departed this life in Baltimore Nov 7, 1863, age 72 yrs and 7 mos.

Alice Carlton, wife of Wm M. Clark d. Mar 16, 1871 age 25 years. Children:

1. Robert Mason Clark) twins, d. Aug 25
2. Henry Carlton Clark) d. Aug 27

6. Elizabeth Clark, dau of Jessy and Catherine Clark b. May 8, 1796

7. Harriett Clark, b Apr 13, 1799

8. Rebecca Clark b. Dec 9, 1802







GEO. WASHINGTON CLARK, son of Samuel and Jane Clark, b. Oct 1, 1817, Georgetown, D. C.  
Robert Amias Deaven Clark, son of Saml & Ann H. Clark b. Oct 7, 1830  
Janie Carlton, dau of Guy and Lottie Carlton b. Jan 6, 1880  
Henry L. Carlton d. Mar 20, 1883; sermon by Rev. Wm H. D. Harper  
Besie Carlton d. Nov 1, 1881, age 21 days  
Elizabeth Blackman dau of Saml & Jane Clark d. Nov 27th 1846 - Friday, 2 o'clock in the morning, age 25 years, 11 months and 20 days  
Laura Virginia Blackman, dau of Wm and Elizabeth Blackman was born Sept 20th, 1846. Departed this life at 12 o'clock Thursday night 27th of May, age 3 mos. and 7 days. "He taketh the Lamb in His Bosom."  
Isiah Hagerty, son of John and Ann Hagerty departed this life Dec 31st, 1836. In a glorious hope of a Blessed immortality Age 19 years 18 days.  
John Hagerty died June 12, 1820 - Age 29 years 2 months 7 days. "His troubles cease."  
John Deaven Hagerty son of John and Ann Hagerty died Feb 17, 1814. Age 10 mos wanting 2 days  
Francis Asbury Hagerty, son of John and Ann died Dec 1817, age 8 months  
Emanuel Deaven Hagerty d. July 5, 1820. Age 3 months wanting 19 days.  
John William Davis Hagerty d. Oct 1, 1820 age 6 mos wanting 9 days  
John and Ann Hagerty m. June 4, 1812  
John Hagerty, son of Paul & Eleanor Hagerty b. Apr 5, 1791  
Ann Hagerty, dau of John was b. 12, 1792, m. to Paul Clark  
John, son of John and Ann Hagerty b. Apr 18th  
George Hagerty, son of John and Ann Hagerty b. and d. Mar 1815  
Francis Asbury Hagerty son of John and Ann Hagerty was born April 12th, 1816  
Isaiah Hagerty, son of John and Ann Hagerty born Dec 13th, 1817  
John William Davis Hagerty and Emanuel Deaven Hagerty, sons of John and Ann Hagerty was born Apr 10, 1820  
Samuel Clark was born Sept 3rd, 1785 in Baltimore, Md.  
Jane Mitchell Clark was born Dec 14th, 1787, Dorchester Co, Md. (first wife of Samuel Clark)  
Ann W. Clark was born Oct 14th, 1814  
Laura V. Carlton, dau of H. L. Carlton and Ann W. Carlton was born Apr 5th, 1848  
Oscal Oden Carlton was born Aug 5, 1849  
Ella V. Carlton was born Jan 13th, 1851  
Clara D. Carlton was born July 11th, 1855  
Henry Carlton and Robert Mason twin children of Wm M. and Alice Carlton Clark were born Apr 28, 1871  
Mary Ann Clark dau of Samuel and Jane Clark was born July 7th, 1807 in Baltimore, Md.  
Samuel Coate Clark, son of Samuel and Jane Clark was born Friday, Sept 7th, 1808 in Baltimore, Md.  
Elizabeth Clark, dau of Samuel and Jane Clark was born Dec 7, 1810 Baltimore, Md.  
Jane Clark, dau of Samuel Clark and Jane Clark was born Nov 17, 1812 Baltimore, Md.  
Henry Carlton and Robert Mason twin children of W. M. Clark and Alice Carlton Clark were born Apr 28th, 1871  
Ann Williams Clark, dau of Samuel and Jane b. Oct 14, 1814 in George Town, D. C.  
Samuel Clark and Jane Mitchell m. on Thurs. eve. Aug 28, 1806  
Guy C. Carlton and Lottie Baden m. Apr 30, 1875 by Rev. Mr. Wms.  
Frank Hyatt and Ella Carlton m. Oct 9, 1878, Mt. Vernon Ch. Washington by Rev. L. R. Jones assisted by W. H. Harper  
Robert H. Fountain and Clara D. Carlton m. Jan 14, 1879, Hyettville's Ch. by Rev. W. H. Harper assisted by Rev. L. R. Jones  
Samuel Clark and Ann Hagerty were m. on Sun. Afternoon July 1st, 1827  
Henry J. Carlton and Ann W. Clark m. Tues. evening Nov 7, 1843. Georgetown by the Rev. Littleton F. Morgan







William M. Clark and Alice E. Carlton m. Sept 28, 1869 by Rev. W. H. Harper assisted by Rev. J. M. Williams

Bessie Carlton dau of R. A. and Clara Fountain b. Oct 9, 1881

R. Carlton b. Feb 7, 1883, son of R. A. and Clara Fountain

Russell Fountain son of R. A. & Clara Fountain b. Jan 25, 1885

Jane Anna Carlton dau of Henry L. and Ann W. Carlton, died Sat morning Nov 5, 1864 at 8 o'clock aged 20 yrs. 3 mos.

Mary Ann Clark dau of Samuel and Jane Clark died Fri July 24, 1807, age 17 days.

Jane Mitchell Clark d. Apr 19th Wed morning 1/4 before 2 o'clock 1826, age 38 yrs 4 mos 5 days. Wife of Samuel Clark.

Robert Amiss Deaven Clark, son of Samuel and Ann H. Clark died Fri afternoon Feb 11, 1831, age 4 months 4 days

Jessey Clark, d. St. June 12, 1802, aged 39 yrs 3 m 9 das

Catherine Clark died (wife of Jessey Clark) Feb 18, 1823, aged 57 years

Elizabeth Mitchell, died Mon morning Dec 23, 1811

Rebecca Baxter, dau of Jessey and Catherine Clark, died Oct 1, 1822, aged 19 yrs 9 mo and 22 days

Samuel C. Clark died Sun morning Sept 21, 1851, aged 43 yrs and 14 days

Ann H. Clark, wf of Samuel Clark, died suddenly on Sat morning Aug 29, 1857, aged 65 yrs 7 mos 17 days

90. Laura Virginia Degges, b. 4/24/1829, d. m. 12/14/1852 Robert M. Sutton. Children:

126 i. John R. Sutton m. Annie Dobler. Children:

127 i. John R. Sutton, Jr.

128 ii. Walter Sutton

129 iii. Frank Sutton

130 iv. Paul Sutton

131 v. Mary Sutton

132 vi. Flora Sutton

133 vii. Virginia Sutton

134 ii. Mary Sutton m. L. O. Childs. Children:

135 i. Nettie Childs m. Wm Paulison, had 3 children

136 ii. Margaret Childs

137 iii. Lee Childs

138 iv. Gladys Childs

139 iii. Walter R. Sutton m.

140 iv. William F. Sutton m. Elizabeth M. Porter, dau of J. Mercer Porter and his wife Abbe Ruskell, Children:

141 i. Wm F. Sutton, Jr.

142 ii. Mercer Porter Sutton

143 iii. Ella Sutton

71. Mary Smith Degge, b. 10/29/1872, d. m. 1st 5/6/1812 Bidcar George; m. 2d Capt. Currell. Children (all by 1st marriage):

144 i. Mary Dorothy George b. 10/2/1815, m. Robert Dunnaway

x145 ii. Jane Elizabeth George b. 10/2/1815, m. 1st D. P. Mitchell; m. 2d Penfield Doll

146 iii. Joseph Hamilton George

iv. Child

v. Child

x147 vi. Ann Hamilton George b. 10/20/1820, m. Wm H. Harding 9/8/1841; he was b. 11/1/1806, d. 1/4/1856







RECORDS OF BIRTHS, LANCASTER C. H., VA. (Clerk's Office)

May 6, 1812 Bidkar George and Mary Degges m. by Rev. Baker Angel.

(See will of Mary Smith (Degge) George's mother in which she mentions her daughter and son-in-law Bidcar George)

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NOTES FROM ORDER BOOK "P", Pages 95-98

Court held at Lancaster Court House, Va., Apr 19, 1782

BAYLEY GEORGE, sworn First Lieutenant, William Kirk second, and John Flowers. Ensign to the third Company of this Militia by taking the oaths preserved by law. This Lt. Bailey George was murdered by Maurice Wheeler who was unanimously found "Guilty" and ordered for trial at Richmond, July 10, 1782.

Court held at Lancaster Court House, Va. Apr 19, 1782

To JESSE GEORGE Dec. Com. in Lancaster County

To Capt. Robt. Chinn for 1 gun lost while on duty at the siege of York L3, 1781

To Job Carter, Gaoler, for imprisoning deserters and soldiers.

To Job Carter for keeping the county Magazine

To Col. Edwin Conway for Beef Imp. by Rawh. Tapscott D. C. 1781

To Col. Edwin Conway for necessarys furnished the prison guards 1781

To Harry Lawson for Beef impressed by Rawh. Tapscott D. C. 1781

Also to HARRY CURRELL, WM BRENT, JAS. WALLACE, Thos. Flint, Thos. LAWSON, same.

To Col. Jno. Flint, Thos. Hubbard, James Tapscott, Mango Harvey, same.

To Wm Griggs for horses and sundry for Sam Eddings, Capt. Art. Aug 1781

To Robert Gilmore for 603 pounds bacon for the use of the minute service under the command of Col. Peter P. Thornton in July 1776.

To Mrs. Agatha Ball for corn furnished the troops on their march to York Sept 1791

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145. Jane Elizabeth George, b. 10/2/1815, d. m. Daniel P. Mitchell. Children:

148 Sophie V. Mitchell b. 4/7/1845, m. James Little Avis 10/26/1869; he was

b. 6/19/1844. Children:

149 i. Imogen Mitchell Avis b. 12/26/1870, m. 1st Chas H. Tetum 5/21/1890; m. 2d W. Emmanuel Brozius 10/28/1898; lived Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co., Va. in 1875; Tatum children:

150 i. Imogen Avis Tatum

151 ii. Payne Mitchell Avis b. 3/22/1874

152 iii. James Little Avis, Jr. b. 12/19/1877

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147. Ann Hamilton George, b. 10/20/182\_\_, d. m. 9/8/1841 Wm H. Harding, b. 11/1806, d. 1/4/1856. Children:

153 i. Thomas Everett Harding b. 8/24/1842

154 ii. Theodore Hamilton Harding 10/9/1844

155 iii. William H. Harding b. 3/8/1848

156 iv. Edward Coles Harding b. 9/11/1850

157 v. Marcellus Otho Harding b. 12/21/1854

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74. James W. Degges b. 9/16/1808, d. 2/16/1856, m. 1st Ann McClanahan who d. 1839;  
m. 2d Melissa G. Lawson b. 9/9/1813, d. 6/28/1884. Child (1st marriage):  
158 i. Lavinia E. Degges b. 7/27/1835  
Children (2d marriage)  
xl59 ii. Cookman L. Degges b. 7/22/1842, m. Alice L. Carlton 12/10/1874  
(See Carlton records herein)  
160 iii. William H. Degges 10/28/1843 (see further herein) p. 55  
161 iv. James L. Degges, b. 1846/7  
162 v. Melissa Ann Degges b. 1/14/1849  
163 vi. Amelia F. Degges b. 6/20/1851  
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159. Cookman L. Degge, b. 7/22/1842, m. 12/10/1874 Alice L. Carlton. Children:  
164 i. Margaret N. Degges, b. 9/1/1875  
165 ii. James O. Degges b. 7/21/1877  
166 iii. Lavinia E. Degges b. 5/31/1879  
167 iv. Harrie H. Degges b. 2/16/1881  
168 v. William A. Degges b. 6/2/1885  
169 vi. Marvin C. Degges b. 9/21/1887  
170 vii. Egbert R. Degges b. 10/6/1889  
171 viii. Francis T. Degges b. 6/29/1892  
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47. William Degge, b. 13 Mar 1691, d. 4 Mar 1762, m. Dorothy Smith b. 26 Feb 1701,  
d. 14 Feb 1777. Children:  
xl72 i. William Degge b. 1/10/1727, m. 1st Jane Currie; m. 2d Mary Fox  
xl73 ii. John Degge b. 11/24/1735, m. Elizabeth Harris  
174 iii. Mary Degge b. 9/16/1737, m. Isaac Degge, probably son of Simon  
and grandson of John  
xl75 iv. Robert Degge b. 7/8/1742, m. Elizabeth Lawson 1766 who was b. 3/9/  
1744  
176 v. Anne Degge b. 1/1/1745, m. Jesse Garland 1773  
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The following is a record taken from the old Degges Bible by one of the descen-  
dants living in Wilson, N. C. to Lavenia Degges, dau of Cookman L. Degges (see #159  
and #166). Copy made Nov 29, 1912.

WILLIAM DEGGE was b. Mar 13, 1691 and departed this life the 4th day of Mar 1762.  
DOROTHY DEGGE, wife of William Degge was b. Feb 26, 1701 and departed this life  
the 14th of Feb 1777.

William Degge, son of Wm & Dorothy, born Jan 10, 1727.

John Degge, son of Wm & Dorothy, b. Nov 24, 1735.

Mary Degge, dau of Wm & Dorothy, b. Sept 6, 1737.

Robert Degge, son of Wm & Dorothy, b. July 8, 1742

Ann Degge, dau of Wm & Dorothy, b. Jan 1, 1745.  
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Betty Degge Lawson, wife of Robert Degge, b. Mar 9, 1744.

Robert Degge and Betty Lawson m. by Rev. Wm McKay Dec 11, 1766.

Sarah Degge, dau of Robt & Betty, b. Nov 8, 1767, d. Jan 1817.

Dolly Smith Degge, dau of Robt & Betty, b. Jan 17, 1770, d. Apr 11, 1781.

Frances Degge, dau of Robt & Betty, b. Apr 20, 1772.

Starling Degge, son of Robt & Betty, b. Sept 12, 1775.

Betty Degge, dau of Robt & Betty, b. Nov 12, 1777.

Caty Degge, dau of Robt & Betty, b. Dec 11, 1779.

Dolly Degge, dau of Robt & Betty, b. Dec 27, 1783, d. Jan 28, 1784.







172. William Degge, b. 1/10/1727, m. 1st 3/9/1752 Jane Currie; m. 2d Mary Fox. Chn:  
 177 i. Corrie Degge b. 28 Dec 1753, d. 1756 (1st m)  
 178 ii. Anne Degge b. 21 Sept 1755, m. John Brent 12 June 1796 (Marriages  
 of Lancaster Court House, Va. Clerk's Record). Children:  
 179 i. Catharine Brent  
 180 iii. Dolly Degge b. Jan 22, 1758, m. John Degge (see biog. record #58) p. 32  
 xl81 iv. William Degge b. 4/15/1760, m. Mary Kirk  
 182 v. Jane Degge b. 12/3/1762  
 xl83 vi. John Tunstall Degge b. 12/8/1765, m. 1st Lucy Waddy; m. 2d Mary Brent  
 xl84 vii. Elizabeth Degge b. 4/30/1768, m. 1st John Lipscomb; m. 2d Lucy [?]  
 Branfield  
 185 viii. Mary Tunstall Degge b. 1/1/1771, d. 2/3/1797, m. 1st John Lawson  
 2/13/1794; m. 2d Hugh Brent 1/9/1796. Child by Brent:  
 186 i. Isaac Brent b. 10/31/1790  
 187 ix. Catharine Currie Degge b. 7/10/1776, d. 6/1/1807, m. Daniel Payne  
 Mitchell 5/1/1800 (see #145 for Mitchell)  
 Children of 2d marriage:  
 xl88 x. Mildred Coleman Degge, m. James E. Jones  
 xl89 xi. Robert Fox Degges b. 9/27/1785, m. Rebecca Evans

#### WILLIAM DEGGE - His Bible

Bought of Thomas Reed Merchant in Northumberland Co., Va., and given to Jane Degge the said Bible. I, Jane Degge (#182) do give to my nephew William Degge, by his promising it shall never go out of the family. (#70).

"William Degges, his book given to him March 16th, 1810 by Jane Degge."

William Degge and Jane Corrie were joined together in the Holy State of Matrimony on the 9th day of March 1752 by the Rev. Hancock Dunbar at Mantapik, King and Queen Co., Va.

Jane Degge departed this life the 24th day of July 1776 in the 43rd year of her age and in the 25th year of her marriage state.

Ann Degge, dau of Wm and Jane b. Sept 21, 1755

Dolly Degge, dau of Wm and Jane b. Jan 22, 1758

William Degge, son of Wm and Jane b. Apr 15, 1760

Jane Degge, dau of Wm and Jane b. Dec 3, 1762

John Tunstall Degge, son of Wm and Jane b. Dec 8, 1765

Elizabeth Degge, dau of Wm and Jane b. Apr 30, 1768

Mary Tunstall Degge, dau of Wm and Jane b. Jan 1, 1771

Catherine Corrie Degge b. Jly 10, 1776

Corrie Degge b. Dec 28, 1753, d. Mar 1756

181. William Degge, b. Apr 15, 1760, d. Apr 17, 1803, m. 9/5/1788 Mary Kirk who d. 4/11/1802. Children:

190 i. Jane C. Degge b. 12/5/1789

191 ii. Wm Smith Degge b. 4/1/1791

192 iii. Jane Currie Degge b. 2/14/1792

193 iv. Robert Degge b. 1/9/1793

194 v. James Kirk Degge b. 12/1/1794

195 vi. Thomas Degge b. 6/25/1796

196 vii. John Degge b. 6/25/1796

197 viii. Lucy K. Degge b. 9/16/1797

198 ix. Elizabeth Degge b. 8/15/1799







Records from Wm Degge Bible (see p. 52):

September 5th, 1788, was joined together in the Holy State of Matrimony, William Degge and Mary Kirk, by the Rev. John Leland. She departed this life the 11th day of April 1802 in the 29th year of her age.

Dec 5th, 1789, was born Jane C. Degge, daughter of William and Mary Degge.

Apr 1st, 1791, William Smith Degge was born.

Jane Currie Degge, their dau, b Feb 14, 1792

Robert Degge b Jan 9, 1793

James Kirk Degge b Dec 1, 1794

Thomas and John Degge, twins, b June 25, 1796

Lucy K. Degge b Sept 16, 1797

Elizabeth Degge b Aug 15, 1799

William Degge died April 17, 1803

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WILL OF WILLIAM DEGGE, Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County, Virginia

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I William Degges of the County of Lancaster and Parish of Christ Church being very sick in body but sound mind thanks be to Almighty God and calling to mind the mortality of all flesh and that it is appointed to all men to die do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form as followith viz; -

First and principally I give and bequeath my soul to God who gave it me my body I recommend to the Earth from whence it came hoping for a joyful resurrection at the last day when soul and body will be united again.

Second and as for what worldly good it hath pleased God to bless me with of all kind whatever I wish sold on a credit of twelve months and the money arising therefrom to be put upon interest and it is my desire that my Daughter Lucy K. Degge be sufficiently supported and educated on the said profits. I give to my daughter Lucy K. Degge all the said money and interest arising from the sale of my estate as before mentioned to her and to her lawful heirs forever. If it should please God to take her before she should marry or arrive at the age of twenty years it is my will and desire that all my estate should be divided as followith, viz; - between Jane Degge, Elizabeth Lipscomb, Catherine C. Mitchell and Catherine Brent, equally. (Note: these were his sisters and nieces, see p. 52). It is my desire that my set of silver tea spoons be not sold but to remain and delivered to my Daughter Lucy K. Degge as she may be in want of them. It is my desire that Jane Degge should have my large Bible. I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend Daniel P. Mitchell executor of this my last will and testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Two (1802).

WILLIAM DEGGE (SEAL)

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of Spencer George, John Brent. The word Jane interlined before signed. At a Court held for the County of Lancaster on the 20th day of June 1803.

This last will and testament of William Degge Dec. was proved by the oath of Spencer George, a witness thereto and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Daniel P. Mitchell the executor therein named who made oath thereto and together with Richard Mitchell, Joseph Carter, Jr. and Peter Beans his securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of four thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs. A certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form.

Teste

JAMES TOWLES, CLERK

A true copy, Sam'l. P. Grehsam, C. C.







From Record of Marriages, Lancaster Co., Va., and Wm Degge's Bible Record

- #185 - Mary Tunstall Degge and John Lawson were married by Rev. Joshua Jones Feb 13, 1794
- #185 - Mary T. Lawson and Hugh Brent were m by Rev. Raleigh Tapscott Jan 9, 1796
- #187 - Catherine C. Degge and Daniel Payne Mitchell m by Rev Raleigh Tapscott May 1, 1800
- #187 - Catherine C. Mitchell who was Catherine C. Degges, wife of Daniel P. Mitchell, d the first of June 1807 in the 31st year of her age (Wm Degge's Bible, see pp 52-53)
- #164 - Ann Brent who was Ann Degge died latter part of year 1808 (Wm Degge Bible)
- #59, p33 - Mary Degge and John Boss, Marriage License, Bond Mch 10, 1764
- #69, pp 37,49-John T. Degges was born about day brake July 5th, 1784 (Wm Degge Bible)
- #70, p 38,51 - William Degge was born about 2 or 3 oclock in the morning, Dec 21st, 1788 (Wm Degge Bible)
- #71, pp 59,64 - Oct 29th, 1793, was born about 1 P. M. Mary Degges (Wm Degge Bible)
- #187, p 62 - Oct 31st, 1790 was born Isaac Brent, son of Hugh and Mary Tunstall Brent
- #185, p 62 - Mary Tunstall Brent departed this life Feb 3rd, 1797 in the 27th year of her age
- #58, p37 - Dorothy Mitchell (who was Dolly Degge) departed this life Nov 16, 1822 in the 64th yr of her age.

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Lancaster, Va. Orders, 1770-1778, page 421. Court held Apr 18, 1777

Thomas Carter is recorded as a person qualified to be Capt. of the Militia in this County in the room of Henry Lawson who has resigned, and Isaac Degges for Lieutenant in the place of said Carter.

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Lancaster Court House, Virginia

- p. 140 - Dec 18, 1809 - MARY DEGGE orphan of Jno. Degge deceased, chose for the guardian Joseph Carter, Jr. with Wm Kirk as her surety; also ordered three appointed to examine and settle with Richard Mitchell the account of his guardianship of Mary Degge and to possess Joseph Carter Jr. her present guardian with the estate of his said ward and return report thereof to the Court.
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- 183 John Tunstall Degge (see p 52), b. 12/8/1765 Lancaster Co Va, d: "John Tunstall Degge departed this life the 29th day of Dec 1826, on Thursday evening at Capt. John Hunts, age 66 years." (Family Bible in possession of Mrs. J. F. Traylor, since Mrs. Seely, of Rockdale, Texas 29 Aug 1876). (See p. 43, 3d paragraph. Mrs. Seely does not give her own name, but is presumed to be the dau of #183 and sister of James Brent Degges.), m.: "John T. Degge and Lucy Waddy were married on the 28th of Feb 1800 and Lucy died Nov 28, 1800. John T. Degge and Mary Brent were married on the 20th July 1809." "Mary Brent, dau of James Brent and Elizabeth his wife was born April 27th, 1781." "Mary Degge departed this life April 20th, 1833." "John T. Degge son of William Degge and Jane his wife who was Jane Currie was born Dec 8th, 1765." Children (by 2d marriage):
- 199 1 Wm Currie Degge b 1/5/1811, m Amelia Ann Degge 10/22/1835 who was b 1814 10/5/1814 (see chart p. 42 showing relationship)(see letter quoted in sketch below)







- 200 ii James Brent Degge b 3/29/1812
- 201 iii Eliza Brent Degge b 4/22/1814
- 202 iv John Tunstall Degge b 7/22/1816
- x203 v Robert Fox Degge b 5/10/1818, m 4/15/1844 Harriet F. Hall
- 204 vi Jane Currie Degge b 3/10/1820
- 205 vii Mary Brent Degge b 8/16/1822

Letter from Harriett F. Degges, Wilderville, Falls County, Texas, March 14th, 1881:

"I am the widow of Robert Fox Degges, the youngest of four brothers with two sisters, Mary Brent and Eliza, all were the sons and daughters of one John Degges of Virginia. I will further state that the above mentioned brothers and sisters were born and reared in Va. They are all deceased; W. C. Degges being the last. His widow Amelia Ann Degges resides near Sempronius, Austin Co., Texas and I think that she has perhaps one of the oldest records of the family on the continent (see p. for letter from her nephew, James W. Crump, her children are not given, probably had none.) The record is in an old English Bible and in all probability the record goes back to some of the family in England...."

Another letter dated Aug 16th, 1881 says "In regard to those who came to Texas with my husband (Robert Fox Degges) I would state they were from Va. to Miss. and from there to Texas in the fall of 1863. They were John Tunstall Degges with his second wife who was harriet Ingram, and his three daughters: Olivia, Amelia Ann, and Harriet Degges; James B. Degges; Wm Curry Degges, Robt Fox Degges and their sister Mary Brent Degges. (See #69) Since the war Coopman and Hamilton Degges, grandsons of John Tunstall Degges, came to Texas. (See #159 Cookman Degges and #160 Wm H (P. 51) (Harrison) Degges). Simon Degges who went to California is a stranger to me, I have only heard of him through persons who met him en route to California several years ago."

- 203 Robert Fox Degges b. 5/10/1818 Va., d. m. 4/15/1844 Kemper Co. Miss.  
Harriet F. Hall, b. , d. Living Wilderville, Falls Co., Texas 1881.  
Children: (b. Kemper Co., Miss.)
- 206 i. Mary E. Degges b Feb 10, 1845, m. J. H. Scales Apr 23, 1865 Washington Co. Texas
- 207 ii. J. W. Degges b. 15 July 1846, d 15 Feb 1873 McLennan Co. Texas
- 208 iii. Ann E. Degges b Feb 5, 1848, m. B. Farris July 22, 1874 McLennan Co. Tex
- 209 iv. J. B. Degges b Apr 15, 1850, m Sarah Webb July 1875 Falls Co. Texas
- 210 v. R. C. Degges b Feb 14, 1852, m Manerva Farris July 1874 McLennan Co. T
- 211 vi. M. J. Degges b Oct 18, 1853, m J. R. Scales Sept 1874 McLennan Co. Tex
- Children (b Washington, Falls, and Austin Co., Tex):
- 212 vii. Sarah J. Degges b Mar 3, 1857, Washington Co, Tex
- 213 viii. Fannie B. Degges b Mary 29, 1859 Washington Co, Tex, m Wm D. Coat  
Falls Co, Tex, Sept 25, 1877
- 214 ix. Robert F. Degges b Dec 30, 1860 Austin Co, Tex

Mrs. Harriet F. Degges says the above "are our entire family, and they are scattered very much but are all in this State. There are several Degges farther west in this State, but I am not prepared to give more definite information about them."



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- 184 Elizabeth Degge (see p 51) b 4/3/1768, d 4/14/1826 ("April 14th, 1826, 2 o'clock P. M. closed the life of Elizabeth Lipscomb" - Wm Degge Bible record) m John Lipscomb; after her death, he m 2d Lucy Branfiel. Children:
- 215 i Wm Currie Lipscomb m Phoebe Adgate
  - 216 ii Philip Degge Lipscomb m Maria Burd
  - 217 iii John Lipscomb
  - 218 iv Robert Middleton Lipscomb
  - 219 v Ann Lipscomb m John Dixon
- Child by his 2d marriage:  
vi Thomas Lipscomb

Letter from C. M. Winston, King Wm County Court House, Va., Feb 22, 1881: "...the first mention of Degge is made in a deed dated Mar 1, 1795 from WILLIAM DEGGE and Bernard LIPSCOMB conveying 142 acres of land to one Robert Lipscomb."

- 188 Mildred Coleman Degge (see p 52) m James E. Jones Children:
- 220 i Thomas Fox Jones m \_\_\_\_\_ Children:
    - 221 i Theodore Jones
    - 222 ii Thomas Fox Jones
  - 223 ii Robert Degge Jones d 1/15/1881
  - 224 iii Mary Jones m John Angell
  - 225 iv Ann Elizabeth Jones m James Parsons 7/10/1834 Children:
    - \*226 i Elizabeth Degge Parsons b 4/30/1835 m Samuel Grigg 10/27/1862
    - 227 ii James Lipscomb Parsons
    - 228 iii Charles Davis Parsons
    - \*229 iv Laura Virginia Parsons m James Dunbar Franzoni
    - 230 v Albert Murray Parsons
    - 231 vi William Currie Parsons
  - 232 v William Joseph Jones d 6/11/1852
  - 233 vi James Henry Jones m 1st Elizabeth Peyton Adams 11/27/1845, d 7/16/1858
    - 234 i George Adams Jones b 9/12/1844, d 7/11/1876
    - 235 ii Edwin Hamilton Jones b 11/2/1850, d 3/25/1896 unm
    - 236 iii Melville Emory Jones b 4/24/1855, m Ellen Maria Clark Taylor
  - James Henry Jones m 2d Martha Catharine Thomas 11/8/1860
  - 237 iv Bettie Mildred Jones 12/1/1871 m Wm H. Lacy
  - 238 v Eva Haney Jones b 4/14/1866, m Charles R. Starr

- 226 Elizabeth Degge Parsons b 4/30/1833, m Samuel Grigg 10/27/1862 Children:
- 239 i Florence Caroline Grigg b 9/12/1864, m Edwin Lyon Chapman 6/23/1897
  - 240 ii Helen Virginia Grigg b 5/15/1866, d 7 wks
  - 241 iii Inez Muir Grigg b 5/11/1869 d 7 wks
  - 242 iv Kate Morrie Grigg b 11/17/1872 d 10 mos
  - 243 v Laura Genevieve Grigg b 9/13/1875 d 9 mos

- 229 Laura Virginia Parsons m James Dunbar Franzoni. Children:
- 244 i Charles Holland Franzoni b July 8, 1864, m Edith Bayard Brewer 9/8/1906
  - 245 ii Edith Elizabeth Franzoni b Aug 27, 1867, m Wilson Prestman Malone, M.D. Dec 28, 1907
  - 246 iii Edwin Larmour Franzoni b July 7, 1870, m Louise Agnes Prather 11/28/1894
  - 247 iv Kate R. Franzoni b 9/15/1872
  - 248 v Joseph Dunbar Franzoni, Jr., b 7/27/1875
  - 249 vi Fred R. Franzoni b 7/4/1880, m Elizabeth Williams Jones 11/5/1907
    - 250 i John Carlos Franzoni b 8/16/1908
    - 251 ii Elizabeth Virginia Franzoni b 8/21/1910
    - 252 iii Fred Royce Franzoni, Jr. b 3/15/1913



191. The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various committees of the Board of Directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, for the year ending December 31, 1911.

Committee on Finance: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chairman; Mr. Wm. C. Clegg, Mr. J. M. Gurnea, Mr. J. H. Ladd, Mr. J. E. Quinn.

Committee on Operations: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chairman; Mr. Wm. C. Clegg, Mr. J. M. Gurnea, Mr. J. H. Ladd, Mr. J. E. Quinn.

Committee on General Management: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chairman; Mr. Wm. C. Clegg, Mr. J. M. Gurnea, Mr. J. H. Ladd, Mr. J. E. Quinn.

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Committee on Operations: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chairman; Mr. Wm. C. Clegg, Mr. J. M. Gurnea, Mr. J. H. Ladd, Mr. J. E. Quinn.

Committee on General Management: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chairman; Mr. Wm. C. Clegg, Mr. J. M. Gurnea, Mr. J. H. Ladd, Mr. J. E. Quinn.

194. The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various committees of the Board of Directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, for the year ending December 31, 1914.

195. The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various committees of the Board of Directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, for the year ending December 31, 1915.

Committee on Finance: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chairman; Mr. Wm. C. Clegg, Mr. J. M. Gurnea, Mr. J. H. Ladd, Mr. J. E. Quinn.

Committee on Operations: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chairman; Mr. Wm. C. Clegg, Mr. J. M. Gurnea, Mr. J. H. Ladd, Mr. J. E. Quinn.

Committee on General Management: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chairman; Mr. Wm. C. Clegg, Mr. J. M. Gurnea, Mr. J. H. Ladd, Mr. J. E. Quinn.



- 189 Robert Fox Degges (see p. 52) b. 9/27/1785, d. 9/27/1867, m. Rebecca Ebans in the 16th yr of her age (d. 12/16/1858) July 19, 1814 by Rev. Wm Waters at Alexandria, Va. (Bible record sent to Wm H. Degges by Miss Marie Degge, Saint Louis, Mo.), Children:
- 253 i Wm Henry Fox Degge m 29 Jly 1845 St Louis, Mo to Caroline Burd by Rev. John H. Linn. Children:
- 254 i Mary Emily Degge
- 255 ii Martha Degge
- 256 ii Sarah Jane J. Degge m in Va. to Wm Joseph Jones 11/24/1841 by Rev. Best
- 257 i Annie Elizabeth Jones d 6/26/1851
- 258 ii Robt Edw Jones d 5/10/1847
- 259 iii Mary Emily Fox Jones d 6/27/1851
- 260 iv Wm Henry Jones d 6/30/1851
- 261 v John Parsons Jones
- (Note: See p. 37 for Jones records)
- 262 iii Ephraim Evans Degge d 6/21/1859, m. Drusilla R. Hydspeth in Crawford Co. Mo. Sept 1850 by Rev. Geo. W. Loce; he d. 1/21/1859. Children:
- 263 i Robert Harrison Degge
- 264 ii Johanna Kate Degge
- 265 iii Alice Degge
- 266 iv John Robert Degge m at Petersburg, Ill. to Mary F. White 5/24/1848 by Rev. John A. Powell. Children:
- 267 i Annie Elizabeth Degge m. in Ill. Lewis L. Montgomery 3/4/1869 by Rev. I. C. Wolf; Children:
- 268 i Mary E. Montgomery
- 269 ii Johnnie W. Montgomery m. Norah Adams 11/25/1899. Children:
- 270 i Virgil Montgomery b. 4/15/1902
- 271 ii Louis Dale Montgomery b. 9/23/1910
- 272 ii Aaron Robert Degge
- 273 iii Mary Frances Degge
- 274 iv Jameson Middleton Degge m. Sue E. Calloway 8/31/1880
- 275 v Kate Emerson Degge
- 276 vi Sarah Virginia Degge
- 277 vii Caddie Alice Degge
- 278 viii Minnie Ella Degge
- 279 ix Mabel Degge )twins, d. in infancy
- 280 x Beulah Degge )
- 281 v Charles Edmund Degge
- 282 vi Mary Emily Fox Degge
- 283 vii Daniel Evans Degge
- 284 viii Mildred Degge
- 285 ix Thomas Fox Degge
- 286 x Philip Currie Degge
- 287 xi Anne Elizabeth Degge
- 288 xii Maria Virginia Degge (sent record to Wm H. Degge)
- 289 xiii Middleton Daniel Degge m. St. Louis, Mo. to Eugenia A. Higdon May 14, 1867 by Rev. Joseph Boyle. Children:
- 290 i Nattie Higdon Degge
- 291 ii Gertrude Eleanor Degge
- 292 iii Ethel Degge, d. aged 6 wks
- 293 iv Mabel Degge
- v Child
- 294 xiv Kate Philip Degge







- 173 John Degge b, 11/24/1735, d. m. Elizabeth Harris. Children:
- 295 i Starling Degge (dau) d unm
  - 296 ii Mary Degge d unm
  - 297 iii Elizabeth Degge, m. Darnelle
  - 298 iv Charlotte Degge, m. Wm Moon
  - 299 v Catherine Degge, m. Edw Harris
  - 300 vi Dorothy Degge, m. Marshall Durrett
  - 301 vii Nancy Degge m. James Durrett
  - 302 viii Lucy Degge m. Dabney Carr
  - 303 ix Benjamin Degge, d unm
  - 304 x John Degge, m. Lucinda Harris
  - 305 xi Wm H. Degge m. Nicey Coleman, dau of Samuel of Caroline Co., Va., 1800
    - 306 i Eliza Degge (Aunt E. mentioned in letter quoted in text) d. 1880
    - 307 ii Lucetta Degge ("Aunt Lett")
    - 308 iii Mary Degge, m. Tompkins (see letter in text below)
    - 309 iv Nicey Degge, m. Chew
    - 310 v Rebecca Degge, m. Coleman
    - 311 vi Sallie Degge, m. Carter
    - 312 vii Robert Degge, d. unm
    - 313 viii Wm Smith Degge, b. 1812, m. Sarah E. Coleman
      - 314 i E. D. Degge
      - 315 ii W. C. Degge

Note at top of page signed by Wm H. Degge, Washington, D. C.: "Copy of letter from Mrs. Mary I. Thompkins (#308) at Arrington, Nelson Co., Va. to her nephew Wm C. Digges (#315), Bowling Green, Caroline Co. Va. dated Sept 7, 1881 and enclosed to me in a letter from him dated Sept 15, 1881." This letter follows:

"I kept your letter longer than I should have done but could do no better. I found your Aunt E's Old Testament which I send, you know she might not have recollected exactly, but we well recollect your grandpa telling us that our right name was Degge or Degges and I recollect when a child calling myself Degge or Degges instead of Digges. From what I learned from your grandpa, his relations were from York, Lancaster, Gloucester and other Counties where your Aunt E. stated your grandpa's father's name was John (#173). I recollect seeing his hand writing in his old family Bible, and his writing was certainly beautiful. Your Aunt Lett (#307) is not certain that Dudley Digges was an uncle of your grandpa's (NOTE: probably was the Dudley Digges of the other family, properly spelled Digges. See later pages of this Ms. R.T.R.) She says he may have been, but not certain, but we all recollect that he had an uncle Robert and Edward, (?) Isaac and John was my father's father; who was my father's father married I can't tell. I am very certain that we belong to the branch of Degges who wrote to you from Washington, for in this branch the old family names are the same: John, Isaac, William, Dolly, Catherine, Elizabeth and Mary. (NOTE: See p. for the uncles of the grandfather of W. C. Degges; Isaac Degge was an uncle by marriage, having married Mary Degge #174. No Edward is mentioned as belonging to this family in the notes made by Wm H. Degges, who gathered the material for a genealogy on the family. His notes are accompanied by blue prints showing the pedigree but no Edward is given. An Edward Digges belonged to the Diggs family whose history follows the Degge family in this Ms. R.T.R.) I was named after pa's sister (See #296). I think I recollect hearing Pa say that some were from Isle of Wight County and said he thought some of our relations had moved to King William and Matthews Counties and perhaps to Fauquier. (Diggs descendants also lived in some of these counties). I think the Smiths were from there. Your grandpa when a young man







visited some of his relations down about Williamsburg and below there, and while at Williamsburg his horse was taken sick, his money gave out, and he met with an old friend Charles Marshall (probably a member of the family of Rose Marshall who married Simon Degge and became the parent of John Degge who established the family in Gloucester Co., Va.) who was so kind to him. You will see that the man who wrote you descended from the same branch who lived in Lancaster and Gloucester Counties where my grandfather came from. I think the Smith family was also a very nice family. (See pp.        for Smith records.) Your grandpa (Wm H. Degge #305) also met with them and was so much pleased that he named your Pa, Wm Smith Degges. There is a family living in Charlottesville, Albemarle Co. by the name of Digges who had only one son and his name was David Dudley Digges and his sister Georgianna Digges came to see me some years ago to find what branch of the family we belonged to and said they could prove their descent by will, etc. from Sir Edward Digges down. She said she had a newspaper sent her from Washington extolling the old family to the highest degree. (NOTE: This was the Digges family given in this ms. following this account of the Degge family.) She also said there was a family living in Louisa Co. Va. but did not think they were branches of our family. Your Aunt Lett (#307) says she is pretty certain that she heard your grandpa say that he had an uncle Rm H. Degges, and you know his name was Wm H. (#305), but I was under the impression that the H. was Harris, as his grandfather by his mother's side was Wm H. Harris. However, he may have been named for both. (NOTE: His uncle was William Degge, #172, no middle name given in these notes.) I got a letter from John Singleton Digges, a lawyer of Lynchburg, asking information of his family. I shall send him a copy of Wm H. Degges' letter to you and also to Miss Georgianna Degges of Charlottesville, and give what information I can. I also got a letter from George S. Digges which I send you. I shall know of J. Singleton Degges where he is from, etc. and will write. Do ask the man writing to you what the Degges Coat of Arms is, 1/2 [sic] with the family in Norfolk, also the Coat of Arms of Robt. Fox Degge and let us see if it is the same as what we suppose our is. The Coat of Arms I have been long waiting to know about, I am so sure we descended from Wm H. Degges' branch of the family. Do try and learn all you can and send me a copy of his letters. I have written all about our family and nothing of ourselves.

"The following is a statement of the Aunt (E) of Wm C. Degges (who died last year) forwarded to me at the same time as the above, headed 'Aunt E's Statement':

"My grandfather was John Degges; I do not know what his father's name was. John Degges, my grandfather, came from the lower counties of Eastern Va. and his relatives lived there. He married Elizabeth Harris, daughter of Wm Harris of Albemarle Co. His residence was on Green Mountain and he was very wealthy. John Degges after his marriage moved to Amherst Co. (Nelson and Amherst Counties were one.) on the waters of the Rock Fish where he died. He had three sons: William H., John, and Benjamin. Benj. died unmarried; Wm H. married Nicy Coleman, daughter of Samuel Coleman of Caroline Co., Va.; John married Lucinda Harris, daughter of Maj. Wm Harris of Amhurst Co. (and Nelson) and my grandfather John Degges and Elizabeth, his wife, had eight (8) daughters: Starling, Elizabeth, Mary, Charlotte, Dorothy, Catherine, Nancy, and Lucy. Starling and Mary died unmarried. Charlotte married Wm Moon; Nancy married James Darrett; Dorothy married Marshall Darrett; Lucy married Debney Carr; Elizabeth married Darneille; Catherine married Edward Harris. My father was Wm H. Degges. He told me of three of his uncles, there may have been more. The names I recollect. Edward Digges I am impressed moved Southwest and had children. Isaac Digges and perhaps Dudley (don't know where they settled) died before they married. Robert Digges I think settled somewhere below Williamsburg or Norfolk, or







it may be Edward settled there and Robt. went South or West. I never heard my father, Wm H. Degges, speak of his father's sisters, but suppose the names of Dorothy, Starling, Catherine, Charlotte, maybe all except Nancy, must have been named after my grandfather's, John Degge's, family. I am very sure that Dorothy, Catherine and Starling were. My Grandmother, who was wife of John Digges, told me that after her marriage she went to visit her husband's relations at Yorktown, York Co., Also Lancaster, Gloucester and Matthews, and Westmoreland and Warwick and that she had crossed York, Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers while visiting her husband's relatives in the Northern Neck of Va. The Degges family was related to the Smiths who lived down there, perhaps in Gloucester, Matthews, or Fauquier or somewhere in this Northern Neck. My eldest brother, Wm S., was named after the Smith family. My grandfather may have had a brother named Dudley Digges, but this I am not certain of. (NOTE--Dudley is a Diggs name rather than Degge family name.) From what I have heard my grandfather, John Degges, moved to the upper country on account of his health. My Aunt Dorothy Degges, who married Marshall Durrett, told me the Degges Coat of Arms was brought from England by her father's relatives and that she had it in her possession. I met (I think) in 1859 with a Mr. Degges from Matthews Co. who informed me that the Degges had sent on to England to prove their descent. I forgot to say above that Dudley and Isaac died before marriage as I think I was informed. I have been informed that my father's Uncle Robt. or Edward, which ever one it was who lived some where below Williamsburg or in and about Norfolk perhaps, I heard that two of his daughters lived in Williamsburg after their marriages, one married a Mr. White who died and left her poor, and her daughter, Mary White, married a Wm. Hambleton of New York. Miss Digges the (2d) daughter who lived in Williamsburg married Rosco Cole and her daughter Ann married a Mr. Hambleton or Hamilton of New York and I think her daughter married R. Taylor of Louisiana. (NOTE--I think this is confused with the descendants of the Diggs family; see Diggs notes following the Degge family in this manuscript. R.T.R.) The Digges spoken of in Bishop Meade's Book of Virginias families must have been our ancestors. Aunt Lucy Carr requested him to pay particular attention to the tombs, and he mentions the friends request in this book." (NOTE--See "Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Va." by Bishop Meade. NOTE--One can see from the above vague statements how unreliable family traditions may become and why it is necessary to have proof on family descent.)

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#### WILL OF JOHN DIGGES OF AMHERST COUNTY, VA.

I, John Digges of the County of Amherst, do hereby make my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following: First my Will and desire is that the whole of my Estate which I now have in possession, to be kept together and to be under the management of my Executors, hereinafter mentioned untill all my just debts are paid, which I desire to be paid out of the profits of my Estate. Secondly I lend unto my loving wife Elizabeth the plantation whereon I now live, together with eight negroes, to-wit: Hobdy, Robin, Bridget, Lewis, Amy, York, Clary and Jack, also all my stock of every kind, household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils during her life (except such stock and furniture hereinafter given). Thirdly, in order to provide for the support and maintenance of my daughter Elizabeth Darneille, and her children, I give and bequeath unto John Harris, of the County of Albermarle, Hawes Coleman, Wm H. Digges and John Digges of the County of Amherst, the following property, to wit: One tract of land, lying on the Waters of Hatt-Creek, containing four hundred acres, also ten negroes, to wit: Jean, Nancy, Sam, Jesse (Jean's youngest child), Marge, Billy, Melson, George, and (Marges youngest child) to them







and their heirs forever UPON TRUST, Nevertheless, that the said John Harris, Hawes Coleman, Wm H. Digges and John Digges, dispose of the said property, either by selling, hiring or renting the same, which they or a majority of them may think most advantageous and out of the profits arising therefrom, to be applied to the support and maintenance of my said daughter Elizabeth and her children, during her, my said daughter's life, and after her death, my Will and desire is that the said property and its increase or the proceeds and profits thereof, be equally divided between the said Elizabeth's children, and should either of her said children die, before they arrive to lawful age, or without having any children, my will and desire is, that such portion of the above estate, such deceased child may or might have been entitled to, be equally divided between her, the said Elizabeth's surviving child or children, and should all my said daughter's children die before they arrive to lawful age, or before they have any children, my Will and desire is, that all the before mentioned estate with increase and profits (or the proceeds arising therefrom) be equally divided between all my children, and their heirs forever; and Whereas I am security for Isaac Darneille, in a law suit between Thomas Barnett and said Darneille, in the Court of Appeals in Virginia, and in case the said Darneille should be cast in the said suit and subject to me, my heirs &c. to pay the debt and cost of such suit, or any part thereof my will and desire is that the said John Harris, Hawes Coleman, Wm H. Digges and John Digges, pay the same when necessary, out of the before mentioned Estate, either by selling any part thereof, or out of the profits arising therefrom, which they the said Hawes Coleman, John Harris, Wm H. Digges and John Digges may think proper; provided, nevertheless, that the said John Harris, Hawes Coleman, Wm H. Digges and John Digges or a majority of them may at any time, they may think proper, give up any part of the before mentioned (or the estate hereinafter mentioned) to my said daughter Elizabeth or either of her children, and make a complete title thereto.

Fourthly, I lend unto my daughter Dorothea Durrett six negroes, to wit, Lit, Sampson, Sirley, Suckey, Lucy and Maria together with every other property, which she may possess, during her life, and after her death my will and desire is that them and their increase be equally divided between her children, to them and their heirs forever.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Nancy, six negroes, viz: Reuben, Ben, Ned, Delphy, Winney and Lindsey, together with one horse call'd Pilgrim, her saddle and bridle (which she now has) and one feather bed and furniture, to her and her heirs forever.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath unto my son, Wm Harris, ten negroes, to-wit: Ben, Jeff, Phil, Stephen, Milloy, Harry, Robin, Jacob, Luce and Suckey (Luce's daughter) which said negroes he has now in possession, together with every other kind of property he may possess, at this time, to him and his heirs forever (except Ned and Delphy given above to my daughter Nancy).

Seventhly, I lend unto my daughter Charlotte Moon, five negroes, to-wit: Hannah, Sam, Franky, Marge and Kez, which said negroes she hath in her possession, together with all the property of mine, of what kind soever she may have, also after the death of my wife or sooner, should my ex'ors hereinafter named think proper the sum of fifty pounds specie, during her life, and after her death my will and desire is that the said property with increase be equally divided between all her children, to them and their heirs forever.

Eighthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Kitty Harris, seven negroes which she has now in possession, to-wit: Moses, Pat, Jack, Judy (and Pat's youngest child), Pheby and her child, together with every kind of property she may have in her possession, at this time, to her and her heirs forever.

Ninthly, I give and bequeath unto my son John, that tract of land whereon I now live (after the death of my wife) also five negroes, to-wit: Charles, Jim, Skiler, Rachel and Barbara together with one horse, saddle and bridle, (which he now







claims) one feather bed and furniture, and all the plantation tools to him and his heirs forever.

Tenthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy six negroes to-wit: Dick, Fanny, Kiz, Tim, Will and Frank together with one sorrel mare, saddle and bridle (which she now claims) and one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Eleventhly, I give and bequeath to my grandson, Benjamin Harris, one small negro named Suckey (which is Amy's youngest child) to him and his heirs forever.

Twelfthly, After the death of my wife my will and desire is that all the property which I have lent her, together with all my land and property of every kind, not hereinbefore mentioned, be equally divided between my following children: that is to say, Elizabeth Darneille, Dorothea Durrett, Wm H. Digges, Nancy Digges, Lucy Digges, and John Digges, to them and their heirs forever, except my daughter Elizabeth Darneille's portion, which I give and bequeath to John Harris, Hawes Coleman, Wm H. Digges and John Digges for the express purpose of supporting my said daughter and her children, as is before mentioned. And lastly I do hereby appoint and constitute my sons Wm H. Digges, John Digges and my friend Hawes Coleman executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other former wills, or testaments by me heretofore made: In WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord 1803.

JOHN DIGGES (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for the last Will and Testament of John Digges, in the presence of (in the third line from the beginning interlined before assigned), John Harris, James Jopling, Wm B. Harris.

At a Court held for Amherst County the 18th day of July 1803.

This will and testament of John Digges, decd. was presented in Court and proven by the oaths of James Jopling and Wm B. Harris subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And Wm H. Digges and John Digges, two of the executors therein mentioned personally came into Court and qualified according to law, and entered into bond with James Murphy, Joseph Montgomery, Wm Leo Harris and Matthew Harris, their securities, in the penalty of fifteen thousand dollars, conditioned as the law requires.

Certificate is granted to them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form.

A Copy, Test:

W. E. Sandidge, Clerk

May 13, 1912







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- 175 Robert Degge b. 7/8/1742, d. , md. Elizabeth Lawson 1766 b. 2/9/1744,  
d. Children:
- x 316 i. Sarah Degge b. 11/8/1767; d. 1/10/1817; m. Joseph Wimberley
  - x 317 ii. Dolly Smith Degge b. 1/17/1770, d. 4/11/1781
  - x 318 iii. Frances Degge b. 4/20/1772, m. Eliss Fort. See p. 71
  - x 319 iv. Starling Degge b. 9/12/1775, m. Nancy Elizabeth Hodges
  - x 320 v. Betty Degge b. 11/12/1777, m. Sugg Fort. See p. 71
  - 321 vi. Catharine Degge b. 12/11/1779, m. Richard Hart. Children (others,  
names unknown):
  - 322 i. Robert Hart
  - 323 ii. Frances Hart m. Wm Whitfield. Child:
  - 324 i. James Whitfield m. Sarah Jane Bourne
  - 325 vii. Dolly Degge b. 12/27/1785, d. 1784. See following pages for letter.

Letter from E. L. Fort, Sr., Adams Station, Tenn., April 13th, 1885:

"I received your letter and regret that I cannot give you all necessary information, but I know very little to tell you. My Grandfather, Robert Degge, lived in Edgecomb Co., N. C. but I do not know whether he was born there or not. I found among my father's papers the old record I enclose. This is all I have. I do not know when or by whom it was written. I wish you to return it as it may be of use in the future. I never had the family Bible. Have no idea what ever became of it. The six children referred to in the record, Sarah married Joseph Wimberley in N. C. I do not know the date. They moved here in 1800, had several children when they came. Elizabeth (my mother) came with her sister Sarah, and in 1801 she and my father, Sugg Fort, were married in this country. Frances married Elias Fort in N. C. Starling married Miss Hodges in N. C. He did not live to be old. Left but one child, a daughter (my wife's mother) so the name so far as Robert Deggs is concerned is lost. Caty married Mr. Hart in N. C.

"I sometimes hear of the Degges name, but principally from Va. We have always spelled it Diggs, and have always been proud of the name. I have a grandson, Diggs Fort, also had a great nephew by the same name. You see by the above that my mother and my wife's grandfather were brother and sister, being both of the same lineage on one side. We have not lost interest in the family, besides my wife's mother was born and married in Edgecomb Co., N. C. She married Wm E. Dancy. After his death she lived with us for years until her death. She was always proud of her Diggs blood, and was a very intelligent and cultivated lady.

"I am now in my 83rd year, therefore, you will readily understand that I cannot get around and aid you in getting information. I hope you will succeed in your efforts, would be much pleased to have a copy of the printed record, when finished. I am very glad to know the record may be written up and am pleased to hear from you. Hope when you feel so inclined you will let us hear from you again."

NOTE: Mr. Fort died in 1891; Wm H. Dogges died in 1927 but his notes have never been printed. It is from his manuscript findings and notes that this present compilation is written. R.T.R.

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316 Sarah Degge (see p. 63) b. Nov 8, 1767, d. 1817, m. Joseph Wimberley (see Wimberley record in text below). Children:

- 326 i Sarah Wimberley m. Joseph Neville
- x327 ii Dorothy Wimberley m. Whitnell Fort (see text later)
- x328 iii George Wimberley IV m. 1st Louis Dicken; m. 2d Charlotte Trigg; m. 3d Judith Ligon Keesee (see text later)
- 329 iv Catherine Wimberley m. Milton D. ; lived in Kentucky
- x330 v Joseph Wimberley II m. Sarah D. Fort, dau of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn Fort; sister of Elias Fort II
- 331 vi Elizabeth Wimberley m. Lewis Whitfield, son of William Whitfield
- 332 vii Robert Degge Wimberley m. Margaret Ann Powell, dau of Willis Powell of N.C.

These records were copied by Mr. Wimberley of N. C. while visiting his relatives in Montgomery Co. Tenn. in 1857:

("Degge" of Richmond Co., Va. and Edgecomb Co., N. C.)

William Degge (b. Mch 13, 1691 d. Mch 4, 1762) married Dorothy Smith (b. Feb 26, 1701, d. Feb 14, 1777). Their children were:

- Mary Degge b. Sept 6, 1737
- Robert Degge b. July 6, 1742, m. Elizabeth Lawson Dec 11, 1766 (Rev. Wm McKay) Richmond Co., Va.
- Elizabeth Lawson b. Mch 9, 1744
- John Degge b. Nov 24, 1735, m. Elizabeth Harris of Albermarle, moved to Amherst Co., Va.
- Robert Degge moved to Edgecomb Co., N. C.
- William Degge b. Jan 10, 1727
- Ann Degge b. Jan 1, 1745
- Robert Degge m. said Elizabeth Lawson, dau of Christopher Lawson and Sarah his wife, and their children were:

- Sarah Degge b. Nov 8, 1767, d. 1817
- Dolly Smith Degge b. Jan 17, 1770, d. Apr 11, 1781
- Frances Degge b. Apr 20, 1772, m. Elias Fort
- Starling Degge b. Sept 12, 1775, m. Nancy Hodge
- Betty Degge b. Nov 12, 1777, m. Sugg Fort, moved to Tenn. (see earlier pages for letter from his descendant)
- Catherine Degge b. Dec 11, 1779
- Dolly Degge b. Dec 27, 1783, d. 1784

Catherine Degge m. Richard Hart, son of Henry. Their children were:

- Robert D. Hart, m. 1829, Martha, dau of Arthur Arrington
- Catherine Hart, m. Wm Whitfield, son of William (see #331 above)

#### WIMBERLY RECORD

1. George Wimberly m. to Miss Foote. A dau of this couple m. Amos Catton or Cotton.
2. A son, George Wimberly m. Charity Thomas, dau of Mecajah Thomas (Nash.) 1764, and had George and Joseph.



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124. The fifteenth part of the report is devoted to a study of the various aspects of the problem.



3. George Wimberly m. first, Phoebe Hinton, and m. 2d, Catherine Hart; their dau
4. Elizabeth Wimberley m. Wm Whitfield, only son of Lewis; their son
5. William Whitfield m. Catherine Hart, dau of Richard Hart; their children were:
  - i James Whitfield, m. Sarah Bourne
  - ii Richard Whitfield, m. Emily McInnis
  - iii Charlotte Whitfield, m. Rev. Basil Manly
  - iv Robert Whitfield, m. Miss Fitzhugh
  - v Fanny Whitfield m. George Wimberly
  - vi Geo. W. Whitfield m. Louisa Wimberly

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3. Joseph Wimberly (see #2, p. 64) m. Sarah Degge, dau of Robert and Elizabeth; their children were:
  - i Sarah Wimberly m. John (Mr. Degge's notes say Joseph Neville.)
  - ii Dorothy Wimberley, m. Whitmell Fort
  - iii George Wimberley m. 1st Louisa Dicken, m. 2d Charlotte Trigg; (Degge notes say he m. 3d Mrs. Judith Ligon Keesee.)
  - iv Catherine Wimberley m. Milton Bourne (Ky.)
  - v Joseph Wimberley m. Sarah, dau of Josiah Fort
  - vi Elizabeth Wimberley m. Lewis Whitfield, son of William
  - vii Robert Degge Wimberley m. 1828 to Margaret Ann Powell, dau of Willis Powelltheir children were:
  - i Louisa Wimberley m. George W. Whitfield
  - ii Catherine Wimberley m. Archibald H. Arrington, Nash Co.
  - iii Joseph Wimberley m. Martha, dau of John Lawrence
  - iv George Wimberley m. Fanny, dau of Wm Whitfield
  - v Robert Wimberley d. in U. S. Army fighting for his country.

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Letter from Miriam Fort Gill, 73 South 25th St., Paris, Texas, March 1st (no year):

"I have written several letters to different descendants of Robert Degge and Elizabeth Lawson for full data and have promise of good success; and I am waiting to hear from all so I can send you as complete data as possible. (NOTE: All the letters found in Wm H. Degges' notes have been included here; whether Mrs. Gill sent him others and he did not put them with his notes, it is impossible to tell.)

"Wheeler's History of North Carolina says 'Robert Diggs' (our Robert who married Elizabeth Lawson) was a member of the House of Commons from Edgecombe Co. of the General Assembly of North Carolina from 1781 to 1786. The list of that Assembly is full of my ancestors who had moved from Virginia--Elisha Battle, Jeremiah Hilliard, William Fort and Robert Deggs among them. Our family has always spelt the name Deggs and until I got the record of William Degge's will and a mention from the County Clerk of a deed signed by Robert Degge after he went to North Carolina signed Degge we thought Deggs the proper spelling. The family record went back to William Degge and Dorothy Smith.

"I think I never had the copies of William Degge's and John Lawson's will--only the mention of the fact that they were on record in Richmond Co. The same letter from the Co. Clerk gave these facts: 'I find the will of William Degge and John Lawson. I find that Robert Degge who married Betty Lawson made a deed in 1799 of one fifth of a tract of land lying in this County at which time it appears he lived in Edgecomb Co., North Carolina. John Deggs and his brother seems to have gone to Amherst County as early as 1777.'



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"William Degge came to Richmond Co. as early as 1722 from Gloucester Co. Mary Degge married Isaac Degge of Westmoreland County. Ann Degge married Jesse Garland in 1773."

(Note at foot of letter: "Letter written by H. L. Warner, Dept. Clk on May 22, 1897 to me.")

"We were married on Nov 6, 1897 and went immediately to Washington to live. Mr. Gill was clerk of the Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads when the Senate was Democratic by one majority--and Senator Maxey of Texas, my husband's law partner was chairman of that Committee and needed Mr. Gill so much that the law firm consented to do without both of them for the time."

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327 Dorothy Wimberly (see preceding pages) b. 1781, d. 1822, m. Whitmel Fort b. 1788, d. 1866, son of Josiah and Piety Horn Fort, grandson of Elias Fort II and Sarah Sugg; grandson of Elias Fort I and Sarah Battle, all of N. C. Children:

x333 i Piety Fort m. 1st Thomas Lee Yancy; m. 2d Dr. Greenfield; m. 3d Thompson Ewing

334 ii George Washington Fort b. 1814, d. 1840, m. Susan Ewing; Child:

335 i Mary Dorothy Fort b. 1838, m. Chas Benj Russell b. 1838, d. 1895; Children:

336 i Wm N. Russell b. 1860, m. Ella Kelly

337 ii Fort Russell d. infant

338 iii Benjamin Russell d. infant

339 iv Dora Myrtle Russell b. 1866

340 v Mamie W. Russell b. 1872, m. Wm J. Boyer

341 vi Daisy Ewing Russell m. 1st E. F. Robinson; m. 2d J. W. Russell

342 iii Dr. Thomas Jefferson Fort b. 1811, d. 1861, m. Martha Maria Fort, dau of Elias Fort II and Catherine Prince, granddau of Elias Fort I. Children:

343 i Chas. Washington Fort b. 1834, d. 1860

344 ii Catherine Dorothy Fort b. 1836, d. 1859, m. James Sales

345 iii Thompson Ewing Fort b. 1840, m. Elizabeth Nell. Children:

346 i Thomas Fort b. 1873

347 ii Guy Earle Fort b. 1872, m. Myrtle Gupton

348 iii Habel Fort m. Francis E. True; son:

349 i Frank Fort True

350 iv Eudora Wimberly Fort b. 1843, m. Wm Bladwin

351 v Amelia Ann Fort m. 1st Wm C. Bridges; m. 2d James Bell. Child:

352 i Wm Fort Bell b. 1872

x352A iv Edmund A. Fort

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333 Piety Fort b. d. m. 1st Thomas Lee Yancey; m. 2d Dr. Greenfield; m. 3rd Thompson Ewing. Children: (1st marriage):

353 i Thomas Lee Yancey m. 1st Sarah Barker; m. 2d Jennie Sayers.

Children 1st marriage:

354 i Piety Yancey m. John Barber. Children:

355 i Oiletus Barber

356 ii Yancey Barber

357 iii John Kent Barber







- 358 ii Mary Yancey m. Benjamin Felton Gill. Children:  
 359 i Bennie Gill m. Danney Fort, desc. of Elias II and II,  
 Clarksville, Tenn. Children:  
 360 i Josiah Fort  
 361 ii Mary Yancy Fort  
 362 ii Sarah Gill m. James W. Botts, Lexington, Ky. Children:  
 363 i Josephine Botts  
 364 ii Miriam Botts  
 365 iii Felton Gill, Clarksville, Tenn. m. Gussie Haddox. Children:  
 366 i Elizabeth Gill  
 367 ii Felton Gill, Jr.  
 368 iv Benjamin Felton Gill, Jr. m. Martha Harold. Child:  
 369 i Gloria Gill  
 370 v Louis Gill  
 371 iii Mannie Yancey m. James Manion. Children:  
 372 i Rebecca Manion  
 373 ii Mary Manion  
 374 iv Sallie Yancey d. young  
 375 v Hattie Lee Yancey m. Holmes B. Strayer. Children:  
 376 i Mary Strayer  
 377 ii Sarah Strayer

Children (2d marriage) of Piety Fort and Dr. Greenfield:

- 378 ii Cyrus Wimberly Greenfield m. Minnie Barker. Children:  
 379 i Maria Greenfield m. 1st Thomas Rollins; m. 2d Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Paine  
 380 ii Tommie Greenfield m. \_\_\_\_\_ McNary  
 381 iii Cyrus W. Greenfield m. Willie Bryant  
 382 iv Eugenia Greenfield  
 383 v Sarah Greenfield m. Charles Clark

Children (3d marriage) of Piety Fort and Thompson Ewing:

- 384 iii \_\_\_\_\_ Ewing (son) m. another Barker sister (see #378)

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- 352A Edmund A. Fort (see on preceding pages) b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_ m. 1st Anne Gatewood;  
 m. 2d Julia Garth. Children 1st marriage:  
 385 i George Washington Fort b. 1850, m. Mary Hampton  
 386 ii Whitmel Fort II b. 1851, m. Ida Crowder  
 Children 2d marriage:  
 387 iii Lizzie A. Fort b. 1855  
 388 iv Dolly Fort b. 1856, d. 1857  
 389 v Walter A. Fort b. 1858, d. 1903  
 390 vi Cheatem Fort d. young  
 391 vii Eugene Fort d. young  
 391a viii Edwin Z. Fort b. 1862  
 391b ix Garth Fort b. 1864  
 391c x Susie Fort d. young  
 391d xi Sarah Fort d. young  
 391e xii Dr. Rufus Elijah Fort b. 1872, m. Louise Clark of Mass. 1910 and had:  
 391f i Rufus Elijah Fort, Jr. b. 1911  
 391g ii Dudley Clark Fort  
 391h iii Edmund Garth Fort

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- 328 George Wimberly IV (see earlier pages) b. d. md.  
1st. Louise Dicken; m. 2d Charlotte Trigg; m. 3d Mrs. Judith Ligon Keesee.  
Children (2d marriage):  
x392 i Mary Catherine Wimberly b. 1838, d. 1905, m. Joseph Buckner Killebrew  
393 ii Elizabeth Degge Wimberly b. 1844, d. 1874, m. James Bellamy  
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- 392 Mary Catherine Wimberly b. 1838, d. 1906 [sic], m. Joseph Buckner Killebrew.  
Children:  
394 i Mattie May Killebrew b. 1858, m. Will J. Jones  
395 ii Lulu Killebrew b. 1860, d. 1911, m. 1st C. B. McCuddy; m. 2d M. J. Orr.  
Children (1st marriage):  
396 i Mary Catherine McCuddy b. 1909  
397 ii Charles B. McCuddy, Jr.  
Children (2d marriage):  
398 iii Louise Elizabeth Orr  
399 iv Alfred Killebrew Orr  
400 iii George Wimberly Killebrew b. 1852, m. Donna Frierson. Children:  
401 i George Wimberly Killebrew, Jr., b. 1894  
402 ii James Killebrew b. 1895  
403 iii Martha L. Killebrew b. 1897  
404 iv Helen Killebrew b. 1899  
405 v Joseph B. Killebrew b. 1901  
406 vi Robert Killebrew b. 1904  
407 vii Catherine Killebrew b. 1906  
408 viii William Killebrew b. 1908  
409 iv Joseph Pleasant Killebrew b. 1867, m. Ruby Ross. Children:  
410 i John Ross Killebrew b. 1895  
411 ii Kate Wimberly Killebrew  
412 iii Reuben Ross Killebrew b. 1903  
413 v Mary Battle Killebrew  
414 vi Alfred Killebrew b. 1869, m. Gretchen Fry. Children:  
415 i Meta B. Killebrew b. 1892, d. 1895  
416 ii Buckner B. Killebrew III b. 1895  
417 iii Catherine B. Killebrew  
418 vii Joseph Buckner Killebrew, Jr., b. 1872, d. 1907  
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- 330 Joseph Wimberly II, b. d. m. Sarah Battle Fort,  
dau of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn Fort, sis of Elias Fort II. Children:  
x419 i Araminta Wimberly b. 1822, d. 1843, m. Thomas Trigg  
420 ii Robert Degge Wimberly b. 1830, d. 1857, m. Dilimis Barker  
421 iii Eudora Wimberly m. Dr. James Mallory; their children died young.  
422 iv Eugenia Wimberly b. 1838, d. 1858, m. James B. Sugg; 1 child d. young.  
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- 419 Araminta Wimberly b. 1822, d. 1843, m. Thomas Trigg. Children:  
423 i Fanny Trigg b. 1842, d. 1894, m. R. A. Barnes. Children:  
424 i Thomas Barnes b. 1861, m. Hattie Sary b. 1868. Children:  
425 i Rebs Barnes, Jr., b. 1895  
426 ii Sary Barnes b. 1899  
427 iii John Thomas Barnes  
428 ii Norman Barnes b. 1865, d. 1886  
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331 Elizabeth Wimberly m. Lewis Whitfield. Children:

- x429 i Joseph Whitfield m. Mrs. Miriam Whitfield Fort, wid of John Degge Fort
- 430 ii Needham Whitfield, m. Agnes Bourne
- 431 iii Robert Whitfield m. Susan Scott
- iv George Whitfield
- x432 v Lewis Whitfield m. Caroline Williams

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429 Joseph Whitfield m. Mrs. Miriam Whitfield Fort, wid of John Degge Fort. Children:

- 433 i Lewis Whitfield m. Lou \_\_\_\_\_. Child:
  - 434 i Nannie Whitfield
- 435 ii Sarah Whitfield m. Nathaniel O. Lovelace. Children:
  - 436 i Mattie Mai Lovelace m. Tom Mumfort
  - 437 ii Jody Lovelace m. \_\_\_\_\_ Howard. Child:
    - 438 i Vivian Howard
  - 439 iii Fort Lovelace
  - 440 iv Bailey Lovelace m. Gertrude Bellamy. Child:
    - 441 i Sarah Bellamy Lovelace b. 12/23/1914
- 442 iii Mollie Whitfield m. Richard Taylor. Children:
  - 443 i Margaret Taylor m. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 444 ii Bernard Taylor m. \_\_\_\_\_
- 445 iv Robert Whitfield, Confederate soldier killed at Fredericksburg; m. Maggie Carney. Children:
  - 446 i Constance Whitfield
  - 477 ii Dudley Whitfield

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432 Lewis Whitfield b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_ m. Caroline Williams. Children:

- 433 i James Whitfield m. Minnie Voiers of Detroit, Texas. Children:
  - 434 i Louise Whitfield m. \_\_\_\_\_ Hancock
  - 435 ii Byron Whitfield
- 436 ii Mary Whitfield d. young

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318 Frances Degge b. 4/20/1772, d. \_\_\_\_\_ m. Elias Fort, not the Elias Fort shown who m. Sarah Sugg; this Elias was called "Brush Creek Elias." Children:

- 437 i Robert Degge Fort
- 438 ii Wiley Fort
- 439 iii Nancy Fort m. \_\_\_\_\_ Gray
- 440 iv Elizabeth Fort m. \_\_\_\_\_ Mott

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318 Sterling Degge [check this number and spelling of name. FM] b. 9/12/1775, d. \_\_\_\_\_ m. Nancy Elizabeth Hodges. Children:

- 441 i Nancy Degge b. 1796, d. 1868, m. William E. Dancy of Alabama in 1815. Children:
  - x442 i Caroline Dancy b. 1816, d. 1895, m. L. P. Parks 1842
  - x443 ii Elizabeth Degge Dancy b. 1818, d. 1900, m. Epps Lawson Fort as his 2d wife; he was son of Bettie Degge and Sugg Fort; Bettie and Sterling Degge were sis and bro.
  - x444 iii John A. Dancy b. 1822, d. 1867, m. Lizzie Johnson, desc. of Henry Clay's grandfather
  - x445 iv Alonzo D. Dancy b. 1828, d. 1868, m. Jane Brooks 1865
  - x446 v Charlotte Dancy b. 1834, m. Ilai Metcalf Fort (see #515)
  - x447 vi Elyza Dancy b. 1834, m. Josiah W. Fort 1863, son of Joel Battle Fort & Nancy Metcalf; grson of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg Fort.

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- 442 Caroline Dancy b. 1816, d. 1895, m. 1842 L. P. Parks. Children:  
448 i Annie C. Parks b. 1843, d. 1903, m. L. E. Sinsabaugh in 1888  
449 ii John Dancy Parks b. 1845, d. 1913  
450 iii Elizabeth L. Parks b. 1849  
451 iv Harriet E. Parks b. 1853, m. J. F. Miller in 1898; m. Lulu Dancy,  
his wife's cousin  
452 v Alonzo Parks b. 1856, d. 1863

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- 443 Elizabeth Degge Dancy b. 1813, d. 1900, m. as his 2d wife Epps Lawson Fort.  
x453 i Mary Fort b. 1841, d. 1869, m. John Jones 1864 (see later)  
x454 ii William Dancy Fort b. 1843, d. 1910, m. Anna Hamlett 1881 (see later)

(NOTE: His other children will be found listed under his family on later page.  
He was son of Elizabeth (Bettie) Degge and Sugg Fort)

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- 444 John A. Dancy (see later) b. 1822, d. 1867, m. Lizzie Johnson, desc. of Henry  
Clay's grandfather. Children:  
s 455 i Charles Dancy b. 1857, d. 1860  
456 ii Lula Dancy b. 1862, d. 1898, m. J. F. Miller; he m. 2d his wife's  
cousin, Harriet E. Parks. Children:  
457 i Maud Miller b. 1881, m. Buford Warfield. Child:  
458 i Miller Warfield b. 1912  
459 ii Frank Miller b. 1883  
460 iii Eastman Miller b. 1881, m. Ethel Seberry. Child:  
461 i Eastman Miller II b. 1912  
462 iii Minnie Dancy b. 1864, m. Joe H. Puckett of Denver 1891. Children:  
463 i Malcolm Puckett b. 1897

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- 445 Alonzo D. Dancy (see pages later) b. 1828, d. 1868, m. Jane Brooks 1848. Children:  
464 i Mary C. Dancy b. 1850, m. 1st Dr. Charles H. Fort 1874; m. 2 Dr. Joseph  
Marston Fort 1883. Children (1st marriage):  
465 i Guerry Brooks Fort b. 1874, m. Katherine Fife. One child:  
466 i Mary Guerry Fort b. 1913  
Children (2d marriage):  
467 ii William Felts Fort b. 11/7/1887  
468 ii Della Dancy b. 1853, m. William Felts. Children:  
469 i William Guerry Felts  
470 ii Mamie Felts b. 1884, m. Eugene Smith of Port Arthur, Texas  
471 iii Jesse Felts b. Nov 1887

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- 446 Charlotte Dancy (see later) b. 1834, d. m. Ilai Metcalf Fort. Children:  
472 i Virginia Fort b. 1855, m. Wm L. Fuller of Ft. Worth, Tex. Children:  
473 i Joe Fuller b. 1880, m. Pearl Bridges. Children:  
474 i Chester Fuller b. 1906  
475 ii Joe Fuller II b. 1910  
476 ii William Fuller  
477 iii George Fuller  
478 iv Frank Fuller  
479 ii James Dancy Fort b. 1863, d. 1873  
480 iii Jack Fort b. 1866, m. Jessie Howard  
481 iv Lawson Fort b. 1867, m. Bella Polk of Springfield, Tenn. Children:  
482 i Combs Fort b. 1882, m. Ora Morehead. Children:  
483 i Elizabeth Fort b. 1910  
484 ii Combs Fort II b. 1912







- 485 ii Mary Fort b. 1884  
 486 iii Epps Fort b. 1887  
 487 iv Minnie Fort b. 1890, m. A. B. Waldrep. Child:  
     488 i Dorothy Ann Waldrep b. 1913  
 489 v Maggie Fort b. 1893, m. Welsey Shannon 1913  
 x489a v Degge Fort b. 1870, m. Mattie Harris (see later)  
 x489b vi Annie Eliza Fort b. 1873, m. J. F. Martin of Nashville, Tenn. (see lat  
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- 447 Elyza Dancy b. 1835 (see previous), d. m. 1863 Josiah W. Fort, son  
 of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Metcalf; grandson of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg.  
 489c i Joel Battle Fort b. 8/9/1854, m. Sallie McKay. Children:  
     490 i Jane M. Fort b. 1878  
     491 ii Elyza Fort b. 1879, d. 1880  
     492 iii Susie Fort b. 1880, d. 1913  
     493 iv Della Dancy Fort b. 1883  
     494 v Ida G. Fort b. 1886, m. W. O. Carlisle 1911, child:  
         495 i Carson G. Carlisle b. 1911  
     496 vi Joel Battle Fort, Jr., b. 1888  
     497 vii Duncan McKay Fort b. 1893  
     498 viii Charles H. Fort, Jr.[sic], b. 1896  
     499 ix John G. Fort b. & d. 1900  
     500 x Walter A. Fort b. 1903
- 501 ii William D. Fort b. 1896, m. 1st Lizzie Van Dyke 1888; m. 2d Lizzie  
 Anthony. Child by 2d marriage:  
     502 i Lucile Fort
- 503 iii Sterling Fort m. 1st Sallie Jones 1885; m. 2d Maggie Fleming 1895.  
 Children (1st marriage):  
     504 i George T. Fort b. 1887, m. Lillian Crouch 1913  
     505 ii Sallie Fort b. 1889, m. Mark Anthony 1912  
 Children (2d marriage):  
     506 iii Margarette Fort b. 1902  
     507 iv William Illebrew [sic] Fort 1906
- 508 iv Nancy Fort b. 1867, d. 1868  
 509 v Dancy Fort b. 1870, m. Bennie Gill 1896 (see #359 previous)  
 510 vi Charlotte Fort b. 1877, m 1st Dale Douglas; m. 2d Frank Baker 1902.  
 Children:  
     511 i Elyza Fort Douglas b. 1903  
     512 ii Elsie Van Cleve Baker b. 1911  
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- 320 Elizabeth (Bettie) Degge (see previous pages) b. 11/12/1777, d. 2/1/1805, m.  
 12/10/1801 Sugg Fort b. 6/25/1776, d. 3/22/1829, son of Elias Fort and Sarah  
 Sugg; grandson of Elias Fort and Sarah Battle. Children:  
 513 i Epps Lawson Fort b. 8/31/1802, d. 7/12/180, m. 1st Virginia Metcalf;  
 m. 2d Elizabeth Degge, granddau of Sterling Degge (see #443).  
 Children (1st marriage):  
     514 i Jack Fort b. 1833, d. 1854 unmd.  
 x515 ii Ilai Metcalf Fort b. 1834, d. 1908, m. Charlotte Dancy,  
 sis of his father's 2d wife (#446)  
     516 iii Sugg Fort II b. 1836, d. 1877, m. Virginia Sugg. Children:  
         517 i Epps Lawson Fort (dau) b. 1869, d. 1875  
         518 ii Sugg Fort III  
         519 iii Frank Fort  
 Children (2d marriage) See #443 previous.
- x520 ii John Degge Fort b. 3/13/1804, d. 10/28/1829, m. Miriam R. Whitfield  
 1/23/1827. She was b. 2/13/1808, d. 2/13/1888.  
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515 Ilai Metcalf Fort (see #446 previous)

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520 John Degge Fort b. 3/18/1804, d. 10/28/1829, m. 1/23/1827 Miriam R. Whitfield  
b. 2/13/1808, d. 2/13/1888 on 80th birthday. Children

521 i Elizabeth Degge Fort b. 12/18/1827, d. 1/29/1904, m. Buckner Kille  
Williams 11/11/1844; he b. 2/21/1819, d. 3/1/1867 (see Killebrew note)  
Children:

x522 i Eva Sarah Williams b. 8/10/1849, m. Dr. Isaac H. Brewton  
1868 of Spartanburg, S. C.

x523 ii William Leon Williams b. 7/24/1853, d. 5/16/1913, m.  
Helen Randle 4/16/1888

x524 iii Joseph Buckner Williams b. 12/15/1860, m. 1st Mattie  
Gates 11/1/1887, d. 11/12/1892; m. 2d Mamie Young  
6/4/1895, d. 4/9/1906

525 iv Marian Frances Williams b. 10/4/1857, d. 12/5/1900, m.  
Carey Sansing 4/19/1882; he was b. 9/5/1849 (see #525 on  
later page)

526 v Jack Ann Fort b. 12/6/1829, d. 7/20/1882, m. Dr. Joseph  
Marston Fort 11/6/1849, b. 1/11/1828, d. 12/21/1908.  
He was son of Dr. Josiah W. Fort and Diana Coleman Clay  
Ligon, grandson of Wm Fort, brother of Sugg Fort; m. 2d  
Mary Dancy Fort, wid of Chas. H. Fort and gr granddau  
of Sterling Degge. Children (1st marriage):

527 i Elizabeth Lawson Fort b. 1851, d. 1858

528 ii Diana Coleman Fort b. & d. 9/7/1852

529 iii John Degge Fort b. 8/19/1853, d. 10/13/1876

530 iv William Lawson Fort b. 6/20/1858, d. 12/24/1888

531 v Miriam R. Fort b. 8/22/1861, m. Wm Francis  
Gill 11/6/1879, d. 10/13/1851, son of Wm H.  
Gill of Baltimore, Md. (see Gill previous)  
Children:

532 i Joseph Henry Gill b. 9/26/1886

533 ii Murray Francis Gill b. 10/4/1888

534 vi Harriet Eugenia Fort b. 1863, d. 1864

535 vii Diana Coleman Clay Fort b. 1855, d. 1858

536 viii Josepha Marston Fort b. 11/5/1865, m.  
Thaddeus Stocks Preston 11/5/1885; he b.  
9/18/1861, Paris, Texas. Children:

537 i Miriam Fort Preston b. 8/25/1890, m.  
Walter Henry Allen 11/23/1911

538 ii Cornelia Davis Preston b. 6/27/1893,  
d. 9/22/1896

539 iii Jack Degge Preston b. 12/27/1898

Children (2d marriage):

540 ix William Felts Fort b. 11/7/1887

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522 Eva Sarah Williams b. 8/10/1849, m. 6/15/1868 Dr. Isaac H. Brewton. Children:

541 i Perry Thomas Brewton b. 11/25/1871, d. 6/29/1914, m. Annie Johnson  
4/19/1897. Children:

542 i Maude Brewton b. 6/10/1901

543 ii Thomas Perry Brewton b. 3/6/1904

544 iii Ena Brewton b. 1/5/1906







- 545 ii Elizabeth Brewton b. 4/11/1870, m. Clem Lawson 4/10/1895; he b. 7/4/1862
- 546 iii Herbert Buckner Brewton b. 8/12/1877, d. 9/22/1903
- 547 iv Marian P. Brewton b. 3/31/1875, m. 11/11/1902 Paul Metzger b. 9/21/1913

Dr. Isaac H. Brewton was from Spartanburg, S. C.

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- 523 William Leon Williams (see previous pages) b. 7/24/1853, d. 5/16/1913, m. 4/1/1888 Helen Randle. Lived at Blossom, Texas. Children:

- 549 i Essie Williams
- 550 ii Randle Williams
- 551 iii Herman Williams
- 552 iv Malcolm Williams

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- 524 Joseph Buckner Williams (see previous page) b. 12/15/1860, d. m. 1st 11/1/1887 Mattie Gates d. 11/12/1892; m. 2d 6/4/1895 Mamie Young d. 4/9/1906. Children (all by 1st marriage):

- 525 i Ethel Williams b. 1/10/1889
- 526 ii James Buckner Williams b. 10/17/1892
- 527 iii Hardee Williams b. 12/16/1904
- 528 iv William Earl Williams b. 3/14/1896

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- 525 Marian Frances Williams (see previous) b. 10/14/1857, d. 12/5/1900, m. 4/19/1892 Carey Sansing b. 9/5/1849. Children:

- 529 i Jack Sansing b. 12/24/1882, m. 5/1/1904 Maude Owens. Have one son.
- 530 ii Carl Sansing b. 7/17/1885
- 531 iii Bert Sansing b. 12/23/1888, d. 1891
- 532 iv Elizabeth Sansing b. 2/21/1898
- 533 v Louis Sansing b. 9/12/1896

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- 453 Mary Fort (see previous) b. 1841, d. 1869, m. 1864 John Jones. Children:

- 534 i Carrie Jones b. 1865, m. W. D. Elliott. Children:
  - 535 i Thomas Elliott b. 1894
  - 536 ii William Elliott b. 1897
  - 537 iii Jones Elliott b. 1900

- 538 ii Birdie Jones b. 1869, m. Dr. J. A. B. Ward. Children:
  - 539 i John Ward b. 1900
  - 540 ii Mary Ward b. 1908

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- 454 William Dancy Fort b. 1843, d. 1910, m. 1881 Anna Hamlett. Children:

- 541 i Elizabeth Fort b. 1881, m. M. Meddy
- 542 ii Winnie Fort b. 1888, m. Conor Garden. Child:
  - 543 i Mildred Garden b. 1912
- 544 iii William D. Fort

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489a Degge Fort b. 1870, d. m. Mattie Harris. Children:

- 545 i Harris Fort b. 1895
- 546 ii Mary Charlotte Fort b. 1897
- 547 iii Ilai Fort II b. 1890
- 548 iv Jessie Fort b. 1900
- 549 v Martha Fort b. 1902, d. 1904
- 550 vi Mattie Lee Fort b. 1910
- 551 vii Virginia Fort b. 1908
- 552 viii Robert D. Fort b. 1913

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489b Annie Eliza Fort b. 1873, d. m. J. F. Martin of Nashville, Tenn. Children:

- 553 i Frank Martin b. 1884
- 554 ii Virginia Martin b. 1900
- 555 iii Joe Martin b. 1904

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556 Anthony Degge b. d. m. Averilla . Children:

(From Kingstone Parish Register, Gloucester (Matthews) Co., Va.)

- 569 i Mary Degge d. Sunday 24 June 1759 in the 3d yr and 5th mo. of her age.
- 569a ii Ann Degge b. 9/8/1758
- 570 iii Mary Degge b. 6/6/1761
- 571 iv Lawson Degge b. 8/24/1764, d. 8/3/1865
- x572 v Anthony Degge d. 4/30/1786 (probably oldest child), m. Elizabeth Day (see later pages)
- 573 vi Johanna Degge d. 9/11/1790

Letter from George Anthony Degge, Norfolk, Va., April 12, 1881:

"In answer to your letter to my mother making certain enquiries concerning the Degge family I send you a copy of the record contained in this old Bible that we have. My father's name is not in the record now; his name was John Lawson Degge, he had a sister named Polina, their father was Anthony, and his father was Joel or Joseph (? probably Joshua as shown on later page), but I cannot tell which. I remember my grandfather, Anthony Degge. My father's aunt, who died in Smithfield, Isle of Wight Co., Va. was named Polly Degge, and this Bible and Coat of Arms that we now have was in her possession while she lived; she has been dead about 45 years. (d. 1836) There are tomb stones in Smithfield, Warwick and Sussex Counties bearing the name "Degge." I have never seen any myself but have been told so by those who have.

#### RECORD

"Mary, the daughter of Anthony and Averilla Degge, departed this life on Sunday, 24 June 1759 in the third year and fifth month of her age.

(NOTE: See early pages for this same Bible)

Lawson the son of Anthony and Averilla Degge, departed this life Thursday the 3rd of August 1765 in the 12th month of his age.

Allen Smith (who was he?) departed this life Thursday 6th of May 1774 (see #563)  
Averilla, the wife of Anthony Degge departed...(rest torn out)



Table 1: Summary of data for 1974-1975

1974-1975	1975-1976	1976-1977	1977-1978
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Table 2: Summary of data for 1976-1977

1976-1977	1977-1978	1978-1979
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4	5	6
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Table 3: Summary of data for 1978-1979

1978-1979	1979-1980	1980-1981
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15
16	17	18
19	20	21
22	23	24
25	26	27
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Table 4: Summary of data for 1980-1981

1980-1981	1981-1982	1982-1983
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15
16	17	18
19	20	21
22	23	24
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Table 5: Summary of data for 1982-1983

1982-1983	1983-1984	1984-1985
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4	5	6
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16	17	18
19	20	21
22	23	24
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34	35	36
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Anthony Degge, the son of Anthony and Averilla, also the husband of Elizabeth Day departed this life in the year of our Lord 1786, 30th of April.

Johanna Degge, the daughter of Anthony and Averilla Degge died in the year of our Lord 1790, 11th September.

Anthony, the son of John and Johannah Degge was born November the 4th, 1714."

There is mention made in the record of one James Degge being washed overboard while crossing from some point to Jamestown (see #35).

#55? P.24

"This is a correct copy. If you think a copy of the Coat of Arms would be of any service to you we could have it photographed and sent to you."

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Letter from Susan Williamson Wren, 834 West Beverly, Staunton, Va. March 2, 1889:

"Your letter duly received and I have tried to reply by sending a 'History of the Wren Family' or rather some parts of it that I have collected, but being a novice at such work I beg you may overlook all imperfections. I am sorry not to be able to give more dates.

"My object in sending so much is to show how closely the families have been connected as far back as we can go, and truly hope you will not be fatigued in having to peruse so lengthy an epistle. I will be fully repaid for my trouble if you find something that will be any help to you.

"We were called upon in twenty-seven short months to give up father, mother, and the eldest sister, and since their death we have found out how entirely we depended on them for everything, even their knowledge of relationships, not realizing that we would not have them always to go to for information, consequently are not as well informed as we might be, as to who, and where our relations are. I will send your letter to my Aunt Mrs. (Dr.) L. A. Layburn (Waynesboro, Va.) and I am sure she will give you any information she can about Miss Elizabeth Degge."

#### THE HISTORY OF THE WREN FAMILY

"Sir Christopher Wren was the architect who built St. Pauls Cathedral and about sixty churches in London in the place of those destroyed by the great fire. This distinguished man was born in Wiltshire in 1632 and was educated at Oxford.

"He was early in life devoted to mathematical pursuits and was appointed professor of Astronomy at the University and also elected a fellow of the Royal Society, but the office which gained him his peculiar reputation was that of St. Pauls, and this vast heap, this splendid pile, is the most magnificent monument to anyone man's genius that exists perhaps in the whole world.

"It is true that St. Peters at Rome exceeds St. Pauls in size and perhaps splendor, but that was more than one hundred and thirty years in building, and was the work of many hands. The first stone of St. Pauls was laid in 1675 and the whole building was completed in thirty-five years. The little church of St. Stephen's Walbrook is thought by many to exhibit quite as much of Sir Christopher's genius as St. Pauls though on a very small scale. It is considered a model of architectural taste and elegance. Sir Christopher Wren died the very year that St. Pauls was completed, aged 91 and was interred in the Church.

"Sir Christopher Wren was married (but I do not know to whom) he had one son Sir Anthony Degge (so his wife might have been a Miss Degge) he married and had three sons







who when grown came from England to America and but one of them that we know anything about, lost sight of the other two, they might have gone back to England or probably married and settled somewhere in America. The names of two of them were Kilby and John, the other's name is unknown, but supposed to have been after his father...."

(NOTE: The following is made up of what followed in the above letter. R.T.R.)

I. Sir Christopher Wren

II. Sir Anthony Degge (his wife may have been a Degge). Three sons:

III. Kilby Wren m. his cousin Elizabeth Degge 21 June 1764 ("Kingstone Parish Reg., Gloucester (Matthews) Co., Va.). See later pages for children.

4. John Wren

5. Kilby Wren

6. William Degge Wren b. Williamsburg, Va., settled in Richmond, Va.; m. Theodocia Price of Henrico Co., Va. Children:

7. i. Ann Virginia Wren m. Liften M. Elett. 16 chn; 6 lived to maturity

8. i. James Elett m. \_\_\_\_\_ Hudson; had 2 chn; he was killed in Civil War

9. ii Thomas Elett m. widow of his brother James above; no chn.

10. iii Mary Elett m. James Crenshaw, widower of her sister Ellen; no chn; Mr. Crenshaw living 1889

11. iv Robert Elett; killed in Civil War; never married

12. v Ellen Elett m. James Crenshaw (see #10) of Richmond; one child:

13. Ann Virginia Elett

13. vi Virginia Elett d. unmarried

8. ii. Mary Elizabeth Wren d. 1859 unm.

9. iii Susan Williamson Wren m. Dr. Alfred Layburn of Rockbridge, Va.; lived at "Elwood"; no children

10. iv John Fleming Wren d. suddenly 1 Feb 1884 age 69; m. Catherine Elizabeth Kennon, dau of Dr. George Kennon

11. i. Sarah Ann Wren m. Albert G. Hill of Richmond; no children; he died 5 yr. after his marriage.

12. ii =George Kennon Wren m. Lelia Watkins of Richmond who d. Nov 1898 3 children:

13 i Lelia Wren d. age 5 in 1887

14 ii George Wren d. 1888

15 iii Kate Harris Wren

George K. Wren, with his small dau Kate Harris Wren, lives with his mother at 318 S. 4th, Richmond, Va.

16 iii Theodocia Virginia Wren d. after birth of her 6th child; m. Capt. Albert G. Williams (U.S.Army) of Bedford Co. Children:

17 i John Wren Williams

18 ii Matilda Beverly Williams

19 iii Kate Kennon Williams

20 iv Alberta Hill Williams

21 v Albert G. Williams

22 vi Theodocia Virginia Williams d. 6 mos.







23 iv William Degge Wren m. Fannie Dunn of Powhatan, d. 6 mo. after m; m. 2d Rebecca Ruffin of Norfolk who d. in a few months; m. 3d Belle \_\_\_\_\_. One child:

24 i Catherine Elizabeth Wren. This family lived at Coronea, Ala.

25 v John Fleming Wren, unm. in 1889

26 vi Kate Beverly Wren " "

27 vii Richard Henry Wren " "

28 viii Mary Welford Wren m. Robert R. Field 17 Nov 1885. Child:

29 i John F. Wren [sic] (Should be Field.....FM) This family lives at 804 W. Main, Staunton, Va.

30 ix Walter Martin Wren m. Fannie Hall of Richmond. Child:

31 i Walter Martin Wren. This family lives in Richmond (1889)

32 x Anthony Degge Wren, d. infancy

33 v Samuel Price Wren d. aged 17

34 vi Anthony Degge Wren, moved to Staunton and opened a drug store; m. Susan Mary Breckenridge, dau of the late John B. Breckenridge of Ky. This family lived in Staunton for some time when Mr. Wren's health failed and they went to their farm "Glenmore" in Augusta. Children:

35 i William Degge Wren, m. Annie Blair, dau of John of Scotville, Va. They live in Richmond. Children:

36 i John Blair Wren d. in few days

37 ii Anthony Degge Wren

38 iii Mary Elizabeth Wren

39 ii John Breckenridge Wren m. Ella Campbell of W. Va. Children:

40 i Anthony Breckenridge Wren

41 ii Mary Bell Wren

42 iii Robert Lewis Wren. His health was bad, went south, m. Rebecca Stores and died a short time after. One child:

43 i William Degge Wren

44 iv Margaret Breckenridge Wren, unm.

45 v Mary Elizabeth Wren, unm.

46 vi Susan Williamson Wren, unm.

47 vii Caroline Heiskell Wren, unm.

The last four children lived with their parents at "Glenmore" until a few years ago. Mrs. Wren died while on a visit to her son William in Richmond 20 Apr 1885 and is buried at Staunton in Thornrose Cemetery. Mr. Wren lived only 17 months after his wife's death; he died at "Glenmore" 20 Sept 1886 and is buried by his wife. The four youngest (daughters) moved to Staunton where they lived only 10 months when Margaret died 24 July 1887 after a long illness. She wrote poetry and her book "Echoes from the Heart" was published only a few months before she died. Mary, Carrie, and Susie (writer of the letter from which this data is taken) live at 834 West Beverly St., Staunton, Va. in 1889.

48 vii Robert Lewis Wren

#6 (p. 76) William Degge Wren m. 2d Mrs. Crump and they had one son:

49 viii \_\_\_\_\_ Wren (1st name not given)

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NOTE: It is difficult to properly place the names found in Matthews County (formerly part of Gloucester), Virginia, records by Wm H. Degges. The following is based on these records; more research necessary for those who may be descendants of these families. R.T.R.

The Ball and Wren families were connected as evidenced by the following will:

WILL: I, Henry Ball, of Lancaster, Parish of Christ Church, give to my daughter Rebecca Ball, all my land and all my movable furniture in the house and out. I give my son William Ball, one English shilling when he come of age.

I give my son Henry Ball one English shilling when he comes of age; and if my wife Rebecca Ball should happen to be with child that it shall receive one shilling when it comes of age. It is my will that my wife Rebecca Ball shall receive dower of land....

It is my will that if my daughter Rebecca Ball die before she come of age or marry that then MR. NICHOLAS WREN, SR. shall possess my land for him and his heirs forever and that my whole estate shall be divided between WM. WREN and Katherine Ball, the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Ball.

It is my will that my movable goods....

I do nominate and appoint my well beloved friend Mr. Andrew Jackson and Mr. William Lefero and Derror James, Jr. and MR. NICHOLAS WREN, all to be my lawful Executors.

I appoint my well beloved friend Mr. Andrew Jackson to be my children's guardian and that my estate and she be in his possession until my children become of age and not longer unless she be willing.

Witnesses: Wm Brugh  
Elizabeth Wren  
Thomas Ball

Dated 17 Feb 1723/4

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From "Virginia County Records" by Crozier:

#### EARLY MARRIAGES

##### Middlesex Co. Va. - Bonds

Jan 9, 1749 - Henry Washington to marry Miss Anne Thacker

##### Lancaster Co. - Bonds

Dec 10, 1735 - Geo. Ball and Judith Payne

Sept 7, 1748 - Robt. Mitchell and Miss Hannah Ball

Mch 12, 1765 - John Ball and Mary Ball, consent of Lettice Ball mother of Mary Ball and William Ball, guardian to his brother John Ball

Oct w1, 1768 - Henry Lawson and Esther Chinn

Nov 3, 1772 - Le Roy Griffin and Judith Ball, dau of James Ball

Jan 25, 1797 - Joseph Ball and Ann Currell

##### Westmoreland Co. - Bonds

Oct 25, 1819 - Lawrence Washington and Sarah T. Washington. Sarah Washington, her mother, gives consent.

##### Lancaster Co. Va. - Clerks Office - Bonds

Oct 16, 1727 - Wm Montague and Hannah Ball

Sept 22, 1724 - Denis McCarty and Sarah, the dau of Wm Ball

Oct 5, 1721 - Chas. Burges & Frances Fox, the dau of David Ball

Jan 13, 1725 - John Selding of Eliz. City Co. and Sarah Ball, dau of Richard Ball

Feb 17, 1723 - Wm Ball and Mrs. Margaret Ball by Wm Ball, Jr. and David Ball

FEB 17, 1723/4 - Marriage license - Wm Ball to marry Margaret Ball, dau of Richard Ball witnessed by David and Spencer Ball







Lancaster Co. Va. bonds contd.

May 29, 1727 - David Ball and Ellen NEale  
Apr 13, 1726 - Geo. Glasscock of Richmond Co. and Mrs. Judith Ball of Lancaster  
Nov 25, 1717 - Samuel Ball and Annie Taylor  
Nov 2, 1727 - Joseph Chinn and Mrs. Elizabeth Ball

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- 572 Anthony Degge b. d. 4/20/1786, m. Elizabeth Day (see record of death earlier pages). Children (see documents following in text):
- 561 i Anthony Degge, Jr.
  - 562 ii Elizabeth Degge m. Kilby Wrenn 21 June 1764 Kingstone Parish Reg. Gloucester (Matthews) Co. Va. (see their biography on earlier page, #111, see also Johanna Kilbee m. John Degge)
  - 563 iii Averilla Degge m. Allen Smith
  - 564 iv Sarah Degge
  - 565 v Anne Degge
  - 566 vi Molly Degge
  - 567 vii John Degge m. \_\_\_\_\_ and had one son:
    - 568 i Anthony Degge

Letter from A. S. Edwards, County Clerk, Surry Co., Surry, Va. Sept 17, 1912:

"I am sending you all I can find in our records touching the Degge family. Our records do not show where they came from but as JOHN DEGGE seems to have had property in Gloucester County, they must have come from that part of said County now composing Matthews County. Anthony Degge, Senr. died about 1784, for on May 25, 1784 the Court 'Ordered that William Burton whose name is subscribed as a witness to the last will and testament of Anthony Degge, Senr., be summoned to appear at the next Court to prove the same.' This is the last entry I can find about this will; if proved, it was never recorded, nor do I find any order in the order book admitting it to record. The deed to Peter James shows that young Anthony had moved or gone back to Matthews County."

1775. THIS INDENTURE Made this Twelfth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five between Anthony Degge, of the County of Surry and John Degge, SON OF THE ABOVE SAID ANTHONY DEGGE, of the other part, WITNESSETH: That said Anthony Degge, for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty Eight Pounds Money of Virginia, hath granted, bargained, sold aliened and enfeofed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bartain, sell, alien, enfeof and confirm unto the said John Degge, his heirs and assigns forever, a certain tract or quantity of land situate lying and being in Surry County aforesaid, containing two hundred and forty acres being on the South side of a small swamp, taking in the land that is known by the name of the seventy acres land, joining Mr. Wm Cox land and running along the said Cox line to a lad Oliver's so along the said Oliver's land to the mouth of the above said small swamp, to a forked white oak on the north side of the said swamp. To have and to hold with all woods, ways water-courses, profits, emoluments, hereditments thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the said John Degge, his heirs, Executors, Administrators or assigns forever in a full and ample manner as the most learned in law can devise, and I do hereby warrant and defend this my sale of all and singular and premises with their appertainances to him the said John Degge, his Heirs, EXecutors, Administrators and Assigns forever against any person or persons whatsoever as shall claim by from or under or my heirs, Executors, or any other person or persons whatsoever as shall claim by, from or under me or my Heirs, Executors, or any other person or persons whatsoever, and to acknowl- edge this to be my real act and deed in the next Court to be held for the County







aforesaid in Witness of the premises I have put my hand and seal this day and year above written.

SIGNED, SEALED & DELIVERED IN  
PRESENCE OF.....

Anthony Degge, (L.S.)

At a Court held for Surry County Jan 24th, 1775. Anthony Degge came into Court and acknowledged this Indenture to John Degge, and was by the Court ordered to be recorded.

Teste: William Nelson CLK. CURE.

A Copy, Test: A. S. Edwards, Clerk

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1766. THIS INDENTURE, made this twenty-sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, Between Hartwell Philips and Jane, his wife, of the County of Edgecomb in North Carolina, of the one part and ANTHONY DEGGE of Surry County, Virginia of the other part, WITNESSETH: That the said Hartwell Philips and Jane, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of THIRTY Pounds Current Money of Virginia, hath Granted, Bargained sold, Alien'd, Enfoeffed and Confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien enfoeff and confirm unto the said ANTHONY DEGGE, his heirs and assigns forever, A certain tract or quantity of land situate lying and being in Surry County, aforesaid, containing two hundred and seventy acres, more or less, bounded Beginning at a pine, a corner tree formerly betwixt Samuel Thompson and Nicholas Sessoms Southeast to a small pine standing above the head of a branch formerly between Charles Savedge and Joseph Richardson, then along the said branch to the south then along a line of Marshes trees to the first station To have and to hold, be the same more or less with all woods, ways, Water Courses, Houses and Orchards, Profits, Emoluments, Hereditaments thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining to him, the said Anthony Degge, his heirs, Exors., Admsr., or Assigns forever in as full and ample manner as the most learned in the law can devise, and we do hereby warrant and defend this our sale of all and singular the premises with there appurtenances to him, the said Anthony Degge, his heirs, Exors., and assigns forever against any person or persons whatsoever, and to acknowledge this to be our real act and deed in the next Court to be held for the County aforesaid. IN WITNESS of the premises we have put our hands and seals this day and year above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED  
in the presence of us..  
Nicholas Faulcon, Junr.

Thomas Hart  
his  
Joseph X Gwaltney  
mark

Hartwell Philips (L.S.)  
.....(L.S.)

At a Court held for Surry County, May the 19th, 1767. This Indenture from Hartwell Philips to Anthony Degge was proved by the Oaths of Nicholas Faulcon, Junr., Thomas Hart and Joseph Gwaltney, The witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded.

Test: William Nelson Ct. Cur.

Exem. & Delivered Degge

A Copy, Test: A. S. Edwards, Clerk

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1779

WILL OF JOHN DEGGE

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I JOHN DEGGE of Surry County, being in perfect health, bless God for the same, I do make this my last Will and Testament, as followith, that is to say, Imprimis, that all my funeral expenses be paid and discharged, by my Executrix and Executors, hereinafter named. Item, I lend all my Estate to my beloved Father and Mother during their lives, and after their death, to be equally divided, between my loving Brother and Sisters, all. Lastly, I make my loving Mother Executrix and my loving Brother Allen Smith my Executor of this my last will and Testament, Dated this 20th day of June 1769.

Sealed in the presence of us,  
John Presson  
Johanner Degge  
Averillah Smith  
Anthony Degge

John Degge (L. S.)

At a Court held for Surry County, August 24th, 1779. - The aforewritten last Will and Testament of John Degge, dec'd was presented in Court, and being first proved by the oaths of John Presson and Anthony Degge, two of the witnesses thereto was by the Court ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Anthony Degge, Junr. who made oath according to law Certificate is granted for obtaining letters of Administration on the Estate of the said John Degge, dec'd with the will of the said John Degge annexed, he thereupon gave Bond and Security as the Law directs.

Teste:

William Nelson, Co. Clk

Exame. A Copy,

Teste:

A. S. Edwards, Clerk







NOTE: From the following document it will be seen that the John Degge who made the will in the foregoing left a son, Anthony Degge.

1782. KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Anthony Degge, Junr., Elizabeth Wrenn (see #111), Averilla Smith, Sarah Degge, Anne Degge, Molly Degge, do hereby covenant and agree of our, and each of our voluntary consent to make over and confirm unto ANTHONY DEGGE, the younger Orphan of JOHN DEGGE, Dec'd. Two negroes namely, Harry and Judy, now in the possession of Anthony Degge, Senr., by virtue of the last Will and Testament of John Degge, Dec'd., wherein he gave unto the said Anthony Degge, Senr. the use of the said Negroes during his natural life and after Death he gave the said Negroes to be equally divided between the said Anthony Degge, Junr., Elizabeth Wren, Averilla Smith, Sarah Degge, Anna Degge, and Molly Degge as will more fully appear by the said will, reference being thereto had which Negroes we do hereby give grant make over and confirm unto the said Anthony Degge the Younger and to his Heirs forever saving only and on this proviso that if the above mentioned Anthony Degge the Younger should die without lawful issue of his body then and in that case the above Negroes to return to us above mentioned and to our and each of our Heirs in the same manner as if this Instrument of writing had never been made or granted and we, the said Anthony Degge, Junr., Elizabeth Wren, Averilla Smith, Sarah Degge, Anne Degge and Molly Degge do for ourselves, our Heirs Executors quit claim, and forever defend the right title claim and reversion of the said Negroes above mentioned and every party thereof unto the said Anthony Degge, the younger, and to his Heirs lawfully by his body forever, agreeable to the above proviso.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our Seals this the seventh day of February 1782.

	Anthony Degge, Junr. (L.S.)
	Elizabeth Wren (L.S.)
	Averilla Smith (L.S.)
Signed, Sealed & acknowledged in the	Sarah Degge (L.S.)
presence of James Davis, Tomer Presson,	Ann Degge (L.S.)
John Wren	Molly Degge (L.S.)

At a Court held for Surry County, October 22, 1782 - The aforewritten Deed of Gift from Anthony Degge Junr., Elizabeth Wren, Averilla Smith, Sarah Degge, Ann Degge, and Molly Degge to Anthony Degge, the younger, was proved to be the act and Deed of the said Anthony, Elizabeth, Averilla, Sarah, Ann and Molly by the oaths of Tomer Presson and John Wren, two of the witnesses thereto, and by the Court ordered to be recorded.

Teste: J. Faulcon, Ct. Cur.

Exam. & D'd Anthony Degge, Sen.

A Copy, Teste: A. S. Edwards, Clerk

NOTE: The document below was evidently made by #568, Anthony Degge:

1800. THIS INDENTURE Made this twenty fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred, between ANTHONY DEGGE, of the COUNTY OF MATTHEWS of the one part and PETER JAMES of the COUNTY OF SURRY, of the other part, WITNESSETH: That the said Anthony Degge, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds current money of Virginia, to him in hand paid or otherwise secured before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge, hath granted, bargained, sold, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, and sell, enfeof and confirm unto the said Peter James, and to his heirs and assigns forever, one certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the said County of Surry, containing two hundred and thirty acres, be the same more or less and bounded as follows, to-wit:







Beginning and adjoining the lands of John Lane, Mary Long, the land commonly called Hart's, John Cock's, and the land commonly called Oliver's, it being all the lands now in possession of the said Anthony Degge, in the said County of Surry. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land and all its appurtenances to him, the said Peter James, and to his heirs and assigns to their proper use and behoof forever, and the said Anthony Degge, doth further covenant and agree to and with the said Peter James that this present deed of bargain and sale shall be to him, the said Peter James and to his heirs and assigns forever a good and sufficient Warrantee against him, the said Anthony Degge, and all claiming by, through or under him, as well as against the right, title, claim and demand of all and every other person or persons whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Anthony Degge hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year as above written, and in the twenty-third year of the Commonwealth.

Signed, sealed and delivered in  
the presence of  
John Lane, Senior  
John Mooring  
William Slade, Jr.

Anthony Degge (Seal)

January the twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred.- Then the within land was delivered and full satisfaction received for the same.

Test,  
John Lane, Senior  
John Morring  
William Slade, Jr.

Anthony Degge

At a Court held for the County of Surry February 25th, 1800 - The within written Indenture of Bargain and Sale from Anthony Degge to Peter James with a receipt endorsed was proved to be the act and deed of the said Anthony Degge by the witnesses thereto, and by the Court ordered to be recorded.

Examined.

Test: Jacob Faulcon (C.S.C.)  
A Copy,  
Teste: A. S. Edwards, Clerk

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61 Christopher Degge (see earlier) b. 25 Feb 1769 Gloucester Co. Va. (Kingstone Parish Reg.) in that part now Matthews Co.

In Wm. S. Diggs manuscript, quoted in notes of Wm H. Degges, we find the following:

"Christopher Y. Diggs of Norfolk [Norfolk?] (a hardware merchant) died 1860 aged 52 years, formerly of MATTHEWS COUNTY, Va., married Frances Rudd and had:

Benjamin Diggs  
William Walter Diggs  
Christopher Diggs  
Charles Hathaway Diggs

Emma J. Diggs  
Ananda Diggs  
Fannie O. Diggs  
Linda Diggs

"Christopher C. Diggs m. Carrie Brownell and had Lola B. Diggs and resided at Portsmouth, Va.







"Charles Hathaway Diggs of Norfolk, Va. m. \_\_\_\_\_ of Baltimore, Md. and and 2 children who d. in infancy. Mr. Diggs aged 57 is a retired merchant of large means and lives in elegance with his wife at Stockley Gardens, Norfolk. He greatly favors the old stock of Digges in Randolph County (Indiana). He had an uncle Cole Diggs and heard his mother say some years ago that one of three Diggs brothers went to Missouri near St. Louis and one to North Carolina, the third remaining in Virginia. (NOTE: Since this is family tradition, it cannot be relied upon as fact. There seems to be some confusion between the Diggs and Degge family; Wm H. Degges' notes reveal that he found proof of the two different families with similar names.)

Also in Matthews County (formerly part of Gloucester) Va. was a William Degges shortnamed "Fever Billy" m. in 1768 in Matthews County and had:

- i John Degge m. Sarah Hathaway, d. by 1832, family still living in Matthews Co. in 1862 (Hathaway was the second name of Charles Hathaway Diggs above)
- ii Polly Degge m. John Degge (Wm, Augustine, Simon). Their son, Thomas Diggs, was living at Mayfield Farms, near Richmond, Va. 1 July 1878.
- iii Bolen Degge, d. unm
- iv Barber Degge, settled in Mo. or Ky.
- v Cole Degge
- vi Elizabeth Degge, m. John Brownely, Methodist minister
- vii William Degge m. Miss King

(NOTE: It would seem from the fact that there is a Cole Degge in this family that the Christopher Y. Diggs (p. 82) belonged to the Diggs family and that the name above should be spelled "Diggs" instead of "Degge.")

Jan 5, 1815 JOHN DEGGES and Rowland S. Degges, Executors of Wm Degges deceased sold to John Thrall their land and improvements formerly the land whereon Isaac Degges dwelt, the property of Wm Degges, deceased.

Nov 25, 1815 Agreement between John T. Degges of Northumberland Co. and Wm T. Newby and Spencer George of Lancaster Co. in which Degges deeded his land on the Currotowman.

Pg. 195, No. 26--Indenture March 1, entered into June 11, 1817 between Lawson Hathaway attorney for John Degges surviving, Exor. of Wm Degges deceased as will appear by a power of attorney made by said John Degges EXOR. as aforesaid and duly recorded in the County Court of Mathews of the one part and Mark Towell of the other part, both of the County of Lancaster--situated on Nantypoison neck on the East....

William Diggs, an oysterman of Matthews County, had John Diggs of Matthews County, Va., and he had:

- i Thomas Diggs, a Methodist minister, who had:
  - 1 Thomas William Diggs of Feldon, Va., a Confederate soldier
  - 2 J. Singleton Diggs of Lynchburg, Va., a lawyer
  - 3 Charles D. Diggs of Cumberland, Va., m. 1st \_\_\_\_\_, m. 2d \_\_\_\_\_  
Children 1st marr: i Hon. Edward E. Diggs, atty., Childress, Texas  
2d marr: ii Thomas C. Diggs, Richmond, Va.
    - iii Albert Cronin Diggs " "
    - iv Helen Diggs " "
    - v Frances E. Diggs " "
    - vi Timothy Lloyd Diggs " "
    - vii Augustus Percy Diggs " "
    - viii Mabel F. Diggs







Samuel E. Diggs, Matthews Co., Va., wrote to Miss Maria V. Degge, St. Louis, Mo., on May 15, 1882 as follows:

"I understand that the family first settled in Warwick Co., Va. I will try to trace them out as soon as I can possibly do so." (This compiler does not find any more communications from him in W. H. Degges' notes.) Then follow two pages of data on Augustine and William Degge's families.

From the statement that the family first came to Warwick County, Va., it would seem that they belong to the Diggs family (see this family at the back of this manuscript). The family of John Degge comes from Gloucester County. Mr. Samuel E. Diggs says that Augustine Degge was the son of Simon Degge. I have not yet found among Wm H. Degge's notes a Simon Degge born about 1708/10 who would have been his father. It is probable that the Diggs family had an early Simon Diggs who was father of Augustine. More research is necessary on this. Mr. Wm H. Degges tried to trace them, but the following will show why he could not get documentary evidence.

From P. T. Woodward, Saluda, Middlesex Co., Va., Feb 1, 1889: "Yours received. Our record runs back to 1673. But many of the books and papers are in bad condition, some books and papers were destroyed during the late war."

From W. C. Burnhan, C. C. Denbigh, Warwick Co., Va.;; "All of the records of this County were destroyed during the Civil War, and I have nothing from which I can furnish you the information you desire."

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Augustine Degge (Simon Degge or Diggs) m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (Kingston Parish Reg., Gloucester (Matthews Co.) Va.). Children:

- 1 William Diggs m. and had a son John who m. Polly Degge (see p. 83, 2d par.)
- 2 John Diggs
- 3 James Diggs (grfather of Samuel E. Diggs above)
- 4 Jesse Diggs b. 21 May 1769, m. Miss Christian
- 5 Josiah Diggs b. 14 Feb 1765
- 6 Augustine Diggs b. 29 Apr 1760
- 7 Joshua Diggs b. 5 July 1756, d. 31 October 1759
- 8 Isaac Degge b. 25 Apr 1758, d. 1759
- 9 Mary Diggs
- 10 Elizabeth Diggs
- 11 Basha Diggs b. 17 Mar 1767
- 12 Bailey Diggs b. 25 Dec 1772

- 4 Jesse Diggs b. 21 May 1769, m. Miss Christian who d. 5 Jan 1780; m. 2d \_\_\_\_\_ who d. 5 Nov 1840; Jesse d. 3 Jan 1851. Children 1st marriage:

- 13 Mary Diggs b. 25 Oct 1793, d. unkm
- 14 James Diggs b. 9 Nov 1795, d. unkm

Children 2d marriage:

- 15 Alexander Diggs b. 25 June 1801 m. Frances Blake b. 20 Dec 1827, Children:
  - 16 James W. Diggs b. 11 Dec 1828
  - 17 Lucy Jane Diggs b. 27 Apr 1831, m. John Tillaston and had:
    - 18 Elizabeth F. Tillaston 26 Nov 1856
    - 19 Alexander Tillaston 15 Nov 1861
    - 20 John W. Tillaston 26 Aug 1865
    - 21 Lucy C. Tillaston 9 Feb 1869
    - 22 Frank D. Tillaston 1 Oct 1871







23 Lodwick Diggs b. 9 Nov 1804, m. Ann E. Minor 8 Nov 1832; he d. 21 Mar 1838, she d. 1 Mar 1836. Child:

24 Catherine F. Degge 15 Aug 1833, d. 1839

25 Sarah M. Diggs b. 16 Mar 1807; d. Montgomery Co., Mo., m. Robert Badger of Gloucester Co., Va. who d. in Montgomery Co., Mo., had several children, among them:

26 Rosey Badger

27 John F. Diggs b. 22 June 1809, d. Montgomery Co., Mo., m. in St. Louis, Mo. and had one son,

28 William Diggs, d. in Montgomery Co., Mo.

29 Francis W. Diggs b. 20 June 1812, m. Miss Hill in St. Louis, Mo., living (1882) Montgomery Co., Mo. with family of children

30 Elizabeth Diggs b. 17 May 1815, m. Thomas Hogg in Gloucester Co., Va., had 2 children; d. in St. Louis, Mo.

31 Simon Diggs b. 14 Sept 1817, m. in Mo., living in Arrowrock, Mo., in 1882

32 Jesse C. Diggs b. 26 Oct 1820, m. probably in Montgomery Co., Mo., living in Galena, Ill. with a family in 1882

33 Catherine Jane Diggs b. 20 Dec 1823, m. Thomas Hogg (see #30 above), living in St. Louis, Mo. in 1882

34 William B. Diggs b. 29 June 1827, m. in Mo.; living in Galena, Ill. with family in 1882.

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NOTE: This compiler thinks that the Anthony Degge (#54 in early pages) born 1714 has been confused with his son Anthony Degge who married Averilla. The reader will note on page , #54, that Anthony Diggs appears to have married when he was around 41 years old (if he was the one born 1714). The first child on the record (see page 74) was Mary, who died in 1759 in the 4th year of her age, which would have made her birth date 1755. Her parents were probably married in 1754 or thereabouts, which would have made her father between 40 and 41 at the time of his marriage. From the Gloucester (Matthews) Co. Va. Kingstone Parish Register, we find that there were several Degge men living there who had children born in that parish who do not fit into any other of the Degge families as outlined by Wm H. Degges in his notes. From letters we have found in his notes, we think the record should be as follows:

54 Anthony Degge b. 11/4/1714, d. , m.

x556 i Anthony Degge b. abt 1733, m. Averilla

x557 ii Joseph Degge b. abt 1736, m. Sarah Degge

x558 iii Joshua Degge b. abt 1738, m. Caty (Catherine)

559 iv Christopher Degge b. abt 1736, m. Sarah Child:

559a i Ann Degge b. 30 Sept 1756

560 v Johanna Degge (prob his dau) m. Wm Hudgin 30 Nov 1756

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557 Joseph Degge b. abt 1736 Gloucester (Matthews) Co. Va., d. m. Sarah Degge. Children (Kingston Parish Reg.):

574 i Rebecca Degge b. 19 Jan 1757

575 ii Joseph Degge b. 21 Sept 1759

576 iii Elizabeth Degge b. 13 Jan 1762

577 iv Charles Degge b. 18 Nov 1764

578 v Henry Degge ) twins

579 vi John Degge ) b. 17 June 1767

580 vii James Degge b. 8 Feb 1771

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23. In the case of the 1954-55 season, the total catch was 100 tons.

24. The catch in the 1955-56 season was 120 tons.

25. The catch in the 1956-57 season was 140 tons.

26. The catch in the 1957-58 season was 160 tons.

27. The catch in the 1958-59 season was 180 tons.

28. The catch in the 1959-60 season was 200 tons.

29. The catch in the 1960-61 season was 220 tons.

30. The catch in the 1961-62 season was 240 tons.

31. The catch in the 1962-63 season was 260 tons.

32. The catch in the 1963-64 season was 280 tons.

33. The catch in the 1964-65 season was 300 tons.

34. The catch in the 1965-66 season was 320 tons.

35. The catch in the 1966-67 season was 340 tons.

36. The catch in the 1967-68 season was 360 tons.

37. The catch in the 1968-69 season was 380 tons.

38. The catch in the 1969-70 season was 400 tons.

39. The catch in the 1970-71 season was 420 tons.



- 558 Joshua Degge b. abt 1738, d. , m. Caty (Catherine) ; m. 2d  
Betty Degge 13 Oct 1762. Children 1st marriage:  
581 i Averilla Degge b. 2 Dec 1758, m. Francis Miller 6 Oct 1776  
582 ii William Degge b. 18 Dec 1760; served in Revolutionary War  
Children 2d marriage:  
583 iii Louisa Degge b. 25 Feb 1763  
584 iv Anthony Degge b. 20 May 1765; he was probably father of John Lawson  
Degge and Polina Degge. John Lawson Degge was father of Geo. Anthony  
Degge of Norfolk, Va. 1881 (see letter page 74 )  
585 v Mary Degge b. 9 Jan 1767 (was she the "Aunt Polly" who d. in Isle of  
Wight Co., Va. mentioned in letter of Geo. Anthony Degge, page 74 ?)  
586 vi David Degge b. 17 Oct 1768  
587 vii Isaac Degge b. 5 May 1770  
588 viii John Degge b. 11 Aug 1772  
589 ix Augustine Degge b. 15 July 1774  
590 x Joel Degge b. 18 June 1776
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NOTE: See pages 36, 37 for military service of some of these men.

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Other Degge records from Kingston Parish Register, Gloucester (Matthews) Co. Va.:

#### Marriages

- Elizabeth Degge m. George Feliyoung 5 Oct 1754  
Elizabeth Degge m. KILBE WREN 21 June 1764 (#562)  
Mary Degge m. James Steward 1 Apr 1766  
Mary Degge m. Joel Foster 17 Mar 1767  
John Degge m. Joyce Davis 23 Mar 1775 and had: Lawson Degge b. 3 Feb 1776  
John Degge m. Ann Miller 7 Apr 1775 and had: Isaac Degge b. 27 Aug 1776
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- 48 Marshall Degge (see page 23 ) b. abt 1693, d. m. Sarah  
Children (only partial list; if this compiler finds Caroline Co. Va. records for  
this family, perhaps more names can be added):  
x591 i Marshall Degge b. 1732, d. 1831, m. Anne  
x 592 ii William Degge (spelled his name Diggs on records) b. 1734, d. 1785/87,  
m. Judith Haley. See page 97 )

Marshall Diggs is remembered in his Aunt Mary Degge's will in which she calls  
him nephew, son of my brother John. Later on in her will (page 20 ), she mentions  
her nieces, daughters of her brother John in Virginia.

Marshall Degge b. 1693 may have died in Carolina Co., Va., where we find both  
Marshall and William, his sons, in the Quaker meeting there. These two sons appear  
in Anson Co., N. C., where Marshall Degge bought land of John Hornbeck.

Letter from W. K. Boggan, (Clerk of the Superior Court), Wadesboro, Anson Co.,  
N. C., May 24, 1912:

"Enclosed you will find certified copies of five wills and several extracts of  
deeds.

"In a great fire which nearly destroyed Wadesboro in 1868, the court house was  
burned, and many valuable records destroyed, among them the original wills, indeed  
nothing was saved from the Clerk of Superior Court's office except the will books,  
and a few other old record books."







The following will show that Marshall Degge lived in Middlesex Co., Va., before he went to Caroline Co., Va.:

Middlesex Court House, Va. Apr 7, 1713, Order Book No. 5, p. 120...

In an action upon the case between MARSHALL DEGGE, pltf. and Sarah Bennett, deft., the deft. not appearing at the pltf's. Motion, judgement is granted him against the Sheriff for what and sum sued for in the declaration shall appear due unless the said defendant appear at next court and consider the said action.

P. 130, July 8, 1713 - Judgement in favor of Plaintiff for 50 pounds of tobacco.

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[Letter of W. K. Boggan, p. 86, continues]

"The original wills being destroyed, it cannot be determined whether or not the earliest MARSHALL DEGGE in this County used a seal. If a seal was used it was not copied on the record.

"The extracts of deeds I copied myself from the original records. Through years of use, the original record books had been badly worn and copied into new books, and on investigating I found that those who did the copying from the old records, and making new indexes, had changed the spelling from Degge or Deggs to Diggs, and seeming to forget they should follow the original in every respect. I spent a great deal of time searching the original records, and believe the extracts which I copied myself from the original records, are absolutely correct. You can see that I followed the original spelling, punctuation, etc.

"I was glad to have found, in the old Court record, in the minutes of the Court, where Marshall Degge, Sheriff of Anson County, came into Court and settled his account for the year 1767. In the old days all deeds and wills were passed upon by this Court, and I thought it probable this record would throw some light on the spelling of the names, and as you can see I was well rewarded for the search. It is very interesting to note that in those days a Sheriff was allowed some years in which to collect and settle his taxes, as it appears from this record that all the Sheriffs were allowed several years in which to settle.

"I am quite anxious to read the copy of the will you sent MR. Eli M. Diggs, and hope to see on to be able to see it. [sic]

"I trust that the copies of the records I am sending you will be of material assistance to you, and I will be glad to do anything further I possibly can for you."

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591 MARSHALL DEGGE b. 1732, d. 1831 [obvious error by RTR] Anson Co., N. C.,  
m. Ann Children:

- 593 i William Diggs (see later pages)
- x594 ii Marshall Diggs m. Lydia Hinson
- 595 iii John Diggs
- 596 iv Martha Diggs m. Mr. Cook (Cock?)
- 597 v Mary Diggs

Marshall Diggs made his will in 1816 but it was not proved until 1831:

#### WILL OF MARSHALL DIGGS

In the name of God, Amen. I, Marshall Diggs, Sen. of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, being in perfect mind and memory and call to mind the uncertainty of the transotery life and that all must yield unto death when it please God to call and for the better disposing of my worldly estate and such







goods and chattles as it hath pleased Almighty God through his great mercy to bestow on me in this life do make, sign, seal, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say - Inprimis I recommend my soul to Almighty God the giver and desposer of all things with as sure and certain hope that through the merits of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I shall inherit everlasting life; my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried at the descretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned.

Item - I give my beloved wife Ann Diggs, two negroes, viz., York and Mourning and her increase hereafter, also I lend her the use of my land and plantation whereon I now live; also I lend her the use of all working tools and the use of all my stock of every kind whatsoever as long as she surviveth.

Item - I give my son, William Diggs, one negro girl named Pheby to him and his heirs forever.

Item - I give my son, Marshall Diggs, the upper end of my land adjoining W. Watkins and Crews' land, beginning at a Spanish oak marked on the dividing branch a pine and sower wood pointers to him and his heirs forever but not to be by him possessed till after the death of my wife, also I give to my son, Marshall Diggs, one feather bed and furniture and one chest but not to be by him possessed till after the death of my wife.

Item - I give my son, John Diggs, one negro boy, Thomas, to him and his heirs forever.

Item - I give to my daughter, Martha Cock, five dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item - I give to my daughter, Mary Diggs, one feather bed, and furniture, one cow, one cotton wheel, and one flax wheel to her and her heirs forever, but not to be possessed till after the death of my wife.

And lastly I appoint my two sons, (viz.) John Diggs, Marshall Diggs, my Executors and my friend, Benjamin Moorman, my Trustee, to see my last Will and Testament executed. In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 7th day of September 1816.

MARSHALL DIGGS (SEAL)

Signed, sealed in the presence of  
his  
Benjamin Moorman, Edward X Hinson,  
mark  
Mitchell Moorman, John Gathings

Anson April Session 1831, Then this will was duly proved in open Court by Benjamin and Mitchell Moorman and ordered to be recorded.

W. Dismukes, Clk.

NOTE: Mr. Diggs was 99 yr. and 3 mo. old  
when he died.

W.D.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ANSON COUNTY

I, W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the last Will and Testament of Marshall Diggs, Sen., as the said instrument is recorded in my office in will Book A at pages 10 & 11.

Witness my hand and seal of office, at office, in Wadesboro, N. C. this 24th day of May 1912.

W. K. Boggan  
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, ANSON CO.







The following deed shows that Marshall Dogge was of Virginia. The deed is dated 7 January 1756 and must have been the time Marshall Dogge came to North Carolina.

JOHN HORNBACK TO MARSHALL DEGGE

This Indenture made this 6th day of January in the year of our Lord 1756 between John Hornback of the County of Anson and Province of North Carolina, Planter of the one part and Marshall Dogge, Planter of the other part Witnesseth that the sd John Hornback for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Pounds Current money of Virginia rec'd of the sd Marshall Dogge--and freely fully-- the said Marshall Dogge--hath given granted Bargained--unto the sd Marshall Dogge--Land lying and being in the County of Anson on the south side of Great PeeDee river beginning at a red oak nigh to a Spring--Containing one hundred Acres--five hundred Acres was granted and Confirmed to him the sd. John Hornback--by his Majestys Letter Patent bearing date of 7th day of October in the 21st year of our Reign Anno Domini 1747, whereof the above--one hundred Acres of Land is a part. To have & to hold-- unto the said Marshall Dogge--the Gold and Silver mines Excepted--In Witness whereof the sd. John Hornback hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above Written.

John Hornback (SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA::  
ANSON COUNTY :::

I, W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract of a deed which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Anson County in Book 1, at page 137. Witness my hand and official seal this the 22nd day of May 1812. *SWORN Dec 1912*

W. K. Boggan  
Clerk of the Superior  
Court, Anson County.

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Marshall Dogge was sheriff of Anson Co., N. C., 1767 as shown below:

North Carolina, Anson County.

At an inferior Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Anson aforesd. on the Second Tuesday to wit the 9th day of the same Month in the Eleventh year of his Majesties Reign and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one.

Present and Worshipfull

Matthew EaeFord )  
Samuel Parsons )  
Samuel Sneed ) Esquires  
James Pickett )







Marshall Degge Esqr Sheriff of Anson County for the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven Came into Court and produced his account in order to Settle the Same for the Year 1767 which was admitted by the said Justices as follows to wit-----which is Allowed by the above mentioned Justs of the Said Inferior Court as a true Settlement of the said Sheriff for the said year 1767.

State of North Carolina ::  
Anson County ::

I, W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract from the record of the Inferior Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Anson County, said record being now in my office.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 23rd day of May 1912.

(SEAL) W. K. Boggan  
Clerk of the Superior Court  
of Anson County

591 Marshall Degge (see page 87) b. d. 1853, m. Lydia Hinson.  
He is buried in family burying ground Pee Dee, Anson Co., N. C. Children  
(see will):

- 593 i Thomas Diggs
- x594 ii Riley Diggs, m. Mary-----
- 595 iii Elisha Diggs, see deed on a subsequent page
- x596 iv Biddy Diggs, m. Matthew Strickland (see below)
- 597 v Sarah Diggs, m. John McAllister
- 598 vi Edmy Diggs, m. Josiah Hailey, had  
599 William Hailey
- 560 vii Quincy Ann Diggs, m. Sanford Liles
- 561 viii Cynthia Diggs, m. William Evans; they raised 16 children who were  
all married before the death of their parents

596 Biddy Strickland had a son, Henry Leroy Strickland, mentioned in his grandfather Degge's will.

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WILL OF MARSHALL DIGGS

In the name of God, Amen. I, Marshall Diggs of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, being of sound disposing mind and memory do this the 19th day of April, A. D. 1843, make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz;

In the first place, I give, demise and bequeath to my wife, Lydia Diggs, the tract of land I purchased of Samuel Curtis known as the home place during her natural life, except fifty or sixty acres hereinafter demised in trust to my daughter, Biddy Strickland, also the following negro slaves during her natural life, viz: Peter, Jim, Ann, Patience and Bill, and at her death the said negro slaves to be claimed as my sons Thomas and Riley Diggs and Brooks Hinson shall see proper, but if any of my negroes hereinafter given and bequeathed to my children should die in the lifetime of my wife then the place of the negro or negroes so dying is to be supplied out of the negroes left to my wife for her lifetime.



The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various committees of the Board of Directors of the City of New York, for the year 1911.

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2nd. I give, demise and bequeath to my son Thomas Diggs and his heirs all the lands I purchased of John Taylor known as the Clark lands also the balance of the Holton lands, beginning at the ferry and running down the river to a gut, a corner of the lands I purchased of Walter L. Leak, running thence nearly a west course to the lands I bought of Samuel Curtis thence North or nearly North up to the Jordan road thence with the road to the beginning also the following negro slaves viz., Dick, now in his possession, little Joe, Harriet, Jenny and Richmond, also a wagon and gear purchased of James Beatie, to him and his heirs forever.

3rd. I give demise and bequeath unto my son Riley Diggs and his heirs, all the lands I purchased of Hattie T. Leak beginning at the lower end of the Holton lands and runs down the river to a walnut tree about midway the fishery, then due West or nearly so, to a big Branch then with said branch to the Holton line, thence to the beginning, also the following negro slaves viz., Alford, now in his possession, Zach, Julius and a negro girl named Elemin, to him and his heirs forever.

4th. I give, demise and bequeath to my son Elisha Diggs a negro woman Nancy and her increase which negro he has now in his possession also an negro fellow named Harry and a negro boy named Alford and two hundred dollars in money to him and his heirs forever.

5th. I give demise and bequeath unto Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs, and Brooks Hinson in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Biddy Strickland for and during her natural life so as not to be subject to any of the debts, contracts, control or liabilities of her husband, Mathew Strickland the following real and personal property viz., fifty or sixty acres of land to be laid off out of my home place or the Curtis lands as follows, viz., beginning at a corner of Mary Liles, the widow of Louis Liles, near or by a little field cultivated by a negro fellow called Jo. and running due south to John or Samuel Pratts line, thence with his line to be stamping branch then up to the stamping branch to the Rocky Spring branch then up the Rocky Spring branch to the Beginning, and at her death to be disposed of as hereinafter directed.

6th. I give, demise and bequeath the lands left to my wife Lydia during her life and the land left in trust for the use of my daughter Biddy for her life, that part left to my wife at her death to Thomas and that part left in trust to my daughter at her death to Thomas Diggs, but my said son Thomas is to pay to my son Riley one half the value of said lands at the time or times when he shall be entitled to the same the said lands to pass to my son Thomas at the aforesaid time to him and his heirs forever.

7th. I give and bequeath unto Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs and Brooks Hinson in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughters Biddy Strickland and Sarah McAlister so as not to be subject to the debts, contracts, incumbrances, liabilities or control of their husbands Mathew Strickland or John McAlister, Esqs., three negroes each of proportionate value with the rest of my negroes to be allotted to them respectively by said trustees and executors viz; Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs, and Brooks Hinson and at their death or the death of either of my said daughters the part allotted to her to pass free of this trust to her children, but should William Hailey, son of my daughter, Sarah McAlister or Henry Leroy Strickland or either of them ever return to this country again, and be desirous of removing their part or share of said negroes after the death of their Mother beyond the limit of this State, it is then my will and desire and I hereby bequeath accordingly that they shall have four hundred dollars each in place of their part or share of said negroes, and if my sons Thomas and Riley should pay the said sum of four hundred dollars or if either of my said sons Thomas or Riley should pay the said sum of Four hundred dollars to my said grandchildren William Hailey and Henry and Leroy Strickland (note: one place he is called Henry Leroy and the preceding line says Henry and Leroy) then my said







sons Thomas and Riley or whichever one of them shall pay the money as aforesaid shall have the said negro or negroes so paid for by them or whichever of them shall pay the same.

8th. I give and bequeath to Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs, and Brooks Hinson in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Quincy Ann Liles so as not to be subject to the debts contracts incumbrances liabilities or control of her husband Sanford Liles, a negro woman named Fanny, now in her possession, also a boy named Isaac, a negro woman named Tamer and her youngest child named Alex, and at her death to pass free of this trust to her heirs forever.

9th. I give and bequeath to Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs, and Brooks Hinson in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Cynthia Evans, so as not to be subject to the debts contracts incumbrances liabilities or control of her husband, William Evans, a negro boy named Abram, a boy named Austin and Jim after the death of my wife and at her death said negroes to pass free of this trust to her heirs forever.

10th. I give and bequeath to Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs, and Brooks Hinson for sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Edmy Hailey during her life so as not to be subject to the debts contracts incumbrances liabilities or control of her husband Josiah Hailey big Joe and Susan, and at her death to pass free of this trust to her children if she should have any living at the time of her death, but in case she should die without leaving any children living at the time of her death then the negroes hereby left for her use and benefit are to be equally divided among all my children. I also give her two hundred dollars in money clear of any trust.

11th. The Blacksmith tools, are to remain with Peter and the said Peter is to do the Blacksmith business for all my family as heretofore he has been in the habit of doing.

12th. The balance of my negroes and all the residue of my estate I leave to be equally divided either in kind or by sale as my executors hereinafter named shall see proper among all my children but the part which shall fall to my daughters I leave in trust to Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs, and Brooks Hinson in the same way that the other property hereby bequeathed to them is left and to pass in every respect in the same way.

Lastly, I nominate, constitute and appoint my sons Thomas Diggs and Riley Diggs and my worthy friend Brooks Hinson Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me and declaring this and this only to be and contain my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be and contain the last will and testament of the testator in the presence of us who in his presence have witnessed the same. 19th April 1843.

MARSHALL DIGGS  
(SEAL)

Witnesses: Washington McRae  
A. Little

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ) January Term, 1854  
ANSON COUNTY )

Then the last will and testament of Marshall Diggs, decd. was exhibited in open court and duly proven by the oath of A. Little one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon Riley Diggs one of the Executors named appeared in open court and was duly qualified and took upon himself the execution for said will and Thomas Diggs and Brooks Hinson came into open court and renounced.







STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ANSON COUNTY

I, W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the Last Will and Testament of Marshall Diggs, as the said instrument is recorded in my office in will book C at page 72.

Witness my hand and seal of office, at office, in Wadesboro, N. C. the 24th day of May 1912.

W. K. Boggan  
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
ANSON COUNTY

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- 594 Riley Diggs (see page 90) b. Anson Co., N. C., d.                      wd. Mary\_\_\_\_\_.  
Children: (There were probably more, but not known to this compiler):  
562     i Thomas E. Diggs b. 1837, living in Lilesville, N. C., in 1915  
563     ii Daughter b. 1840, m. M. H. Liles, living in Pee Dee, N. C. 1912  
564     iii Eli M. Diggs (see deed below)

Thomas E. Diggs lived at Lilesville, N. C.; m. and had children, among them:

565 Inez Diggs m. \_\_\_\_\_ Wall; her daughter

566 Mary Wall m. Herbert J. Dockery; lives at Wadesboro, N. C. (1950)  
where she teaches school; no children; she and her husband live with  
her mother; she has helped the compiler with many valuable copies of  
records.

Letter to Mrs. Jesse Matthews, Box 127, Glen Flora, Texas, from W. K. Boggan,  
Wadesboro, N. C., dated Oct 16, 1915:

....." The first of this family to settle in Anson County was Marshall Degge, Sr.,  
who settled in Anson County about 1760; he was sheriff of the county in 1767. He  
was the father of your great-grandfather, Marshall Diggs. The original wills of  
both of them are in my office now, signed by their own hands. Marshall Degge, Sr.  
died in 1831, at the age of 99 years and 3 months. Your great-grandfather, Marshall  
Diggs, died in 1853. They are buried at the family burying ground near Pee Dee  
River in Anson County. Cynthia Diggs, daughter of Marshall Diggs, and who was your  
grandmother, married William Evans. They reared 16 children, all of whom married  
before either died.....

"Mr. Thomas E. Diggs age 78, resides at Lilesville (died 14 Aug 1927, aged 80,  
Mary (Wall) Docker's grandfather), Anson County, Mrs. M. H. Liles resides at Pee  
Dee, this County and is 75 years old. They are brother and sister and are grand-  
children of your great-grandfather, Marshall Diggs. Their father was Riley Diggs.  
I went to see them a few weeks ago. They remember that your father and mother  
visited their relations in Anson County before the war....."

NOTE: W. K. Boggan was a cousin of Mary (Wall) Dockery and she has many of  
his papers in her possession. She says that she has a copy of the deed transferring  
Hailey's Ferry to her great-grandfather, Riley Diggs, when the name was changed to  
Diggs Ferry. William Diggs married Judith Hailey and Edmy Diggs, sister of Riley,  
married Josiah Hailey.







RILEY DIGGS & WIFE TO ELI M. DIGGS

This Indenture made this the 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Seventy between Riley Diggs and Mary Diggs his wife of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina of the one part and Eli M. Diggs of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, that the afd. Riley Diggs and Mary Diggs his wife for and in Consideration of the Natural love and affection which we have and bear to our son Eli M. Diggs and for the further consideration of Five dollars good and lawful money to us in hand paid by the sd. Eli M. Diggs at or before the Sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt and payment whereof is hereby acknowledged they the said Riley Diggs and Mary Diggs his wife hath this day given granted bargained sold and by these presents do give—to Eli M. Diggs—a certain piece or parcel of land situate in the County of Anson and State afd. lying on the west side of Pee Dee River it being a part of the lands which Marshall Diggs bought of Walter F. Leak beginning at the mouth of a gut about 17 chains below Diggs Ferry---(NOTE: formerly Hailey Ferry, see; see bottom of page 93)---Containing 178½ acres be the same more or less of which one half of the fishing place is excepted with the privileges attached to the same (also I Riley Diggs except and reserve to myself a lifetime right in all the above described land and premises)---

In witness whereof we the said Riley Diggs & Mary Diggs his wife have hereunto set our hands and Seals day and date first above written.

Riley Diggs (SEAL)

her

Mary X Diggs (SEAL)

Sept 5th. 1877 Then the foregoing deed came into my hands and duly registered.

P. J. Coppedge

Register of Deeds

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ::

ANSON COUNTY ::

I, W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract of a deed which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Anson County in Book 20, at page 212.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 22nd day of May 1912.

W. K. Boggan

Clerk of Superior Court of  
Anson County

593 Thomas Diggs (see page 90) md. \_\_\_\_\_ and had a son:

593a Henry Diggs md. \_\_\_\_\_ and had a daughter:

593b Martha Jane Diggs m. 1860 Stephen Graham Wall; had a son:

593c Fred H. Wall (13th child) m. Hattie Mae Ritchie; had a son:

593d Walter Ashe Wall; lives (1953) 707 Gardner Ave., Raleigh, N.C.

Ref: Walter Ashe Wall sent this compiler the above information, but it is far from complete, lacking dates, places of residence, and marriages, and it does not give complete lists of children in each generation. Those interested should do more research on this branch of the family.







NOTE: Riley Diggs is said to have had a "brother Pleasant Diggs who went west and the family lost touch with him." He is not mentioned in his father's will. "Pleasant Diggs married Fanny Liles, daughter of John Liles." Mrs. Mary (Wall) Dockery of Wadesboro, N. C., and granddaughter of Thomas E. Diggs wrote the present compiler 18 June 1949 that her grandfather told her a great deal about the families and she found the above quotations in her notes.

On October 14, 1949 Mrs. Dockery writes: "The Wall family lived across the Pee Dee River and near the Diggs family. They were in Richmond County, then Anson, and both families came from Virginia.

"Anson County celebrated her bicentennial in a pageant spectacle Oct 2-7. I was drafted as the colonial hostess and a minor part in a following scene. Our celebration was a wonderful success and I enjoyed it to the fullest. One window had a dress worn by Marshall Degge's granddaughter and another worn by her daughter, shown together. In my Walltown window I used a sugar bowl that belonged to Marshall himself. We once used it in the kitchen as a spoon holder...

"I value everything done by my cousin, W. K. Boggan. He really was a careful historian and is highly regarded as such here. (Practically everyone in Anson County is kin.) I wrote to W. H. Degges of Washington and never heard from him. It would be interesting to know what he did.

"Marshall Degge or Diggs and his wife Ann lived near Haley (we spell it Hailey) Ferry which was later called Diggs Ferry. I happen to have a copy of the deed transferring it to Riley Diggs (my great-grandfather).

"Marshall Diggs married Lydia Hinson. I found Lydia Hinson in court house records and descendants are certain of it. One family owns china and old glass that belonged to her."

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The following is a letter from J. Macalister of Rockingham, Richmond Co., N. C., to Littleberry Digges, Randolph County, Indiana (Winchester Post Office.) (Original was in possession of Wm. S. Digges, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1907 whose manuscript on the family deals with the Diggs family of Va. whose ancestor was Gov. Edward Diggs. His notes on the Diggs family of Randolph County, Ind., was incomplete and without dates as shown in later pages of this manuscript.) It will be noted that #597, page 90, Sarah Diggs, daughter of Marshall, married John McAlister.

March 18, 1836

Mr. Digges,

Your letter directed to your Uncle and myself, I received this day at Rockingham and opened it because my name was on said letter. The business of Edward Digges claim I have undertaken for your Uncle and the rest of them. I wrote to Mr. A. M. McLean that was in the city of Washington last spring. Mr. McLean is a large contractor for many years and well acquainted in the city, requesting him to search the records in the war office and know what was due to said Digges. He, McLean, knew a Mr. Walker of the state of Tennessee who was there in the city on the business of collecting soldiers' claims. McLean handed him my letter, he, Walker, wrote to me that he found there Austin Edward Diggs of Virginia was entitled to 4,000 acres of land and perhaps one half pay as a captain until he died, and that he would collect the whole for one fourth part of the amount. I have written to him that the heirs would give him the one fourth, and for him to write to me the proof that would be required to enable him to collect the amount due. I wrote to the representative from this District, the Honorable Edward Deberry to take a part in forwarding all the forms that would be necessary, to me, which he has mentioned in a letter to me







he would do. But they have not come to hand yet. I shall write this day to Deberry to know why Mr. Walker has not written to me before this.

The evidence we have is that 3 or 4 brothers named: William (your grandfather), Marshall, Edward and Dudley Digges lived in Hanover County, Virginia; that your grandfather William and Marshall came to Carolina. Edward and Dudley were left in Virginia. (NOTE: In the light of evidence found since this letter was written, it is shown that while Edward and Dudley had a brother William, they did not belong to the Degge Family but were Diggs.) This William and Marshall Diggs (somewhere they had changed the spelling of their name) did come to Carolina but they were descendants of Edward. There was a Captain Dudley Diggs that was in the revolutionary army, he I expect had heirs that claimed his pay, and I am astonished that they did not claim Edward's part also. Be this as it may Edward Digges is entitled to four thousand acres under 1/2 pay supposed to be as much as his land. The State of Virginia, has a record in the City of Richmond of all the men that served in the Revolutionary War as regular militia. I have a son James D. Macalister that goes this spring to King William County and will go through Richmond. I intend for him to search and see where Edward Digges was from and papers through..... of Hanover County and to make some inquiry there about the Diggeses that lived in that county. When I hear from Walker what proof is necessary to be made I shall endeavor to proceed accordingly. I intend to have a power of Attorney from your father... John Digges here (Littleberry's uncle) and the heirs of Uncle Marshall made to my father in law Marshall Digges, and he to Walker and the money to be divided among the heirs. But I fear we cannot prove the relation between this Edward and your father and the rest if anything can be done. I intend to do my best, as well as if for myself, if we get on the right track. I will let you and your father know and will want a power from you to collect yours. Your Uncle (was this Marshall or John?) was in health and all his family and connection getting rich. He owns all the lands about Haley's Ferry (Judith Haley married William Diggs b. 1734) on the west side of the town for a mile and 1/2 up and down, has large cribs of corn full at this time, and thirty odd Bales of cotton not sold of this crop. He had a letter from Elisha Diggs lately (#595), he is well only one of his knees is ailing. All your connections are well. The small pox is in Marlboro 10 or 12 miles below Rockingham. We are all alarmed. Yesterday I was at your Uncles. I shall go over in a few days and read him your letter.

I am your sincere friend,  
J. Macalister.

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The sheet of paper was simply folded in envelope shape and on the back of the fold was the address. It cost 25¢ postage to send the letter. Address on back of fold:

Mr. Littleberry Digges,  
Randolph County,  
Winchester Post Office, Indiana

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JOHN DEGGS TO ELISHA DEGGS (see #595, p. 90)

This Indenture made this first day of January in the year of our Lord 1822, between John Deggs of the County of Anson & State of N. Carolina of the one part & Elisha Deggs of the aforsd. County and State of the other part Witnesseth that the sd. John Deggs for & in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred Dollars to him in hand pd. at or before the Sealing & Delivery of these presents the receipt is hereby acknowledged hath bargained sold...containing 200 acres more or less...& and the said John Deggs his heirs Exrs. and Admrs.....unto the sd. Elisha Deggs In witness whereof the sd. John Deggs hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his seal.

John H. Deggs (SEAL)







ANSON COUNTY July Term 1822

Then this Deed was proved in open Court by the oath of C. Clark & ordered to be registered.

W. Dismukes C. C. C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ::

ANSON COUNTY ::

I, W. E. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract of a deed which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Anson County in Book U, at page 92.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 22nd day of May 1912.

W. K. Boggan

Clerk of the Superior Court of  
Anson County

- 592 William Degge (Diggs) b. 1734 Va. (probably Middlesex or Carolina Co.),  
d. between 1785-87 Anson Co. N. C., m. about 1755 Judith Hailoy or Haley,  
d. after 1790 Anson Co., N. C. (see 1790 census in text below). Children:
- x562 i William Diggs, eldest son, b. abt 1756, d. 15 May 1854 about 100 yr.  
old, Randolph Co., Ind., m. Fanny Crews (see later)
- 563 ii Pleasant Diggs, m. 1st Elizabeth Hinson; m. 2nd Elizabeth Jernigan,  
dau of William Jernigan. They had a son: \*
- 564 Harris Diggs b. 1800, d. 1842, m. Mary Campbell who d. 1848;  
their dau:
- 565 Mary C. Diggs b. 1836, d. 1916, m. 2nd 1852 Leonidas Bailey,  
b. 1827, d. 1896; their dau:
- 566 Mary Bailey b. Holmes Co. Miss., m. Algernon J. Aven and  
had:
- 567 Anna Ward Aven m. William H. Whittington, U. S.  
Senator from Greenwood, Miss. (In 1964 she still  
lives 401 E. Market St., Greenwood, Miss. He died  
several years ago. FRM)
- 568 Anna Bailey m. Walter Trotter of Winona, Miss. She died  
1946.
- Pleasant Diggs was b. 1757 and d. 1849. The data on him was obtained  
from DAR Lineage Books, Vol 134: 60 from 1933, which gives member-  
ships in the NS DAR
- 569 iii Marshall Diggs, m. Lydia Jernigan (see deed later)
- 570 iv John W. Diggs, m. Agnes Crews (see deed later)
- 571 v Solomon Diggs (see deed)
- 572 vi Dudley Diggs
- 573 vii Margery Diggs
- 574 viii Agnes Diggs m. Samuel Everette
- 575 ix Sarah Diggs m. Thomas Ratliffe
- 576 x Rebecca Diggs m. John Moorman

1790 Census, N. C., Anson Co., Fayette Dist.

p. 35 - MARSHALL DIGGS - 5 males 16 up including heads  
4 males under 16  
3 females including heads  
1 slave

(son of William, b. 1734)

p 36 - JUDY DIGGS - 2 males 16 up, including heads  
2 females 16 up, including heads

\* 4 sons: Jack, Benjamin Pleasant, Jr, & Harris } named in will of  
2 daus: Nancy Jernigan, Lucy McRae } Pleasant Diggs, Sr.  
Miss Edith Carter, Paris, Tenn., is }  
descendant of Jack & Ben. } Paris, Tenn, Sept 1844  
JRM







p. 35 - PLEASANT DIGGS - 1 male 16 up including heads  
1 male under 16  
1 female including heads  
(son of William, b. 1734)

1810 Census, N. C., Anson Co.

Page number on photostat shows as 56:

WILLIAM DIGGS - 2 males under 10  
1 male 45 up  
2 females under 10  
1 female 26-45  
(son or grandson of Marshall Diggs?)

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SOLOMON DEGGE TO MARSHALL DEGGE

This Indenture made this 4th day of June in the year of our Lord 1814, between Solomon Degge of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina of the one part & Marshall Degge of the said County and State of the other witnesseth that the said Solomon Degge for and in Consideration of the sum of Seventy five dollars--hath bargained & sold--unto the Said Marshall Degge--Land--in the County and State aforesaid on the Crooked branch of Smith Creek--two hundred acres of Land be the same more or less being a tract of Land Granted to said Solomon Degge pattent bearing date August 11th, 1803--and the said Solomon Degge--doth comant--the said Marshall Degge--In testamoney whereof the sd. Solomon Degge hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

his  
Solomon X Degge (SEAL)  
mark

North Carolina ) July Term 1814  
Anson County )

Then this Deed was duly Acknowledged in open Court and ordered to be Registered.  
Ted Robinson

State of North Carolina ::  
Anson County ::

I, W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract of a deed which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Anson County, in Book P and Q, page 68.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 22nd day of May 1912.

W. K. Boggan  
Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson Co.

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DAR Lineage Books, Vol 134:60 (1933) give service in the Revolutionary War:  
WILLIAM DIGGS (1734-1785) was a patriot and also served as a private in the N. C. Continental Line; born in York Co., Va. died Anson Co., N. C., m. Judy Diggs (NOTE: further investigation shows he m. Judith Haley)

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William & Mary Quarterly, Vol 22 for 1914, p. 141: "Digges - William Diggs and his wife Judith Haley, Quakers went with their family from Virginia (some say Hanover County) to Carolina. They had Marshall, Pleasant, John, William, Sarah (wf of Thomas Ratliffe), Agnes (wf of Samuel Everette) and Rebecca Moorman.







"William Digges, son of William Digges, married in Carolina Sarah Crew (error. see later proof) and removed to Indiana about 1820. Their children were: Littleberry, John, Mark, Armsbee, Benjamin, William, Fanny (Way), Ann (Moorman), and Margaret (Wright). Descendants of those are in Indiana and Illinois, and a record of them may be found in Ms. by W. S. Digges of Cincinnati. The father of William Digges first mentioned is said to have been one Marshall Digges.

Contributed by Mrs. L. S. Digges  
4510 Michigan Ave., Los Angeles, Calif."

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The following is from the DAR membership application papers of #566, p. 97, Mrs. Mary Bailey Aven:

"WILLIAM DIGGS is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of Patriot and Soldier. He was born in York Co. (NOTE: see later evidence in these pages) Va. in 1734 and died 1785/87 Anson Co., N. C. He married in York Co. (?) Va. Judith Haley who was born \_\_\_\_\_ and died after 1790.

"William Diggs came to Anson Co., N. C. from Virginia and received a patent of land 16th Dec 1769. On 9 Oct 1769 he was one of a body of men to sign a letter to the N. C. Assembly petitioning against unjust taxation and other laws. 16th Petition: That every denomination of people may marry according to their respective mode, ceremony, and custom, after due publication or license. 17th Petition: That Benjamin Franklin or some other known patriot be appointed agent to represent the unhappy state of this province to His Majesty and to solicit the several Boards of England. He later served 84 months in the Continental Line of the Revolution, and the 7th Jan 1786 his heirs were paid for this service. This pay was no doubt 400 acres of land in Anson Co., N. C. as a deed was made to this land after his death to his eldest son, this being the patent of land dated 9 Oct 1769.

"Diggs' 'Old Field' in Anson Co., N. C., was the place of rendezvous for the Brigades from Salisbury and Hillsboro in 1780.

"Copy of certificate from 'Colonial Records of North Carolina' Vol 8, p 80, by J. B. Grimes, Secretary of State, stating that the name William Diggs appears on the list of warrants for land granted officers and soldiers of the Continental Line, Warrant No. 3310, was issued heirs of William Diggs for 84 months service, being dated 7 Jan 1786, and deeded to Col. M. Armstrong. Further states that the name appears three times and is spelled variously Diggs, Diggis, Digges."

The above was copied from the membership papers of Anna Bailey Trotter of Winona, Miss., deceased 1946. #136343 NSFR (copied by Mrs. Newman Smith, 1026 Sixteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C., 1950 Genealogist). This proof was used in the application papers of Bernice (Meyers) McCleary, 17 West del Norte, Colorado Springs, Colo., NSDAR #381783, accepted 15 Apr 1950.

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William Diggs and family lived in Caroline Co., Va., before moving to N. C., as shown by the following record from Hinshaw's "Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy" Vol I:335:

1770, 6, 2 - WILLIAM DIGGS and family received on certificate of Carolina Co. Va. dated 1768, 11, 12.

1770, 6, 2 - Sarah, Rebekah, Agnes, Pleasant, children of WILLIAM AND JUDITH DIGGS recd on certificate in Carolina Co. Va. dated 1768, 11, 12

Judith Haley was the daughter of Silas and Nancy Haley, who owned Haley's Ferry on Big Pee Dee River near Rockingham, N. C., later known as Diggs Ferry after it was bought by Riley Diggs (see p. 95). (NOTE: Some Quaker records show John Haley as father of Judith rather than Silas. FRM)

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- 562 William Diggs (p 97) b. abt 1756, d. 15 May 1854 abt 100 yr old, Winchester, Randolph Co., Ind (see gravestone inscr. in text below), m. abt 1792 (see Quaker records in text) Fanny Drew or Crews b. 1772, d. 7 Apr 1838 aged 66 yr Winchester, Randolph Co., Ind. (Tombstone inscr. and Bible rec.). Children: (names in father's will, dates from "Hist. of Randolph Co., Ind." by E. Tucker 1882 in Ind. State Lib., Indianapolis, Ind.)
- x577 i Littleberry Diggs b. 1793, m. Lydia Way; m. 2d Hannah Mendenhall
  - x578 ii William Diggs b. 17 Dec 1793 (twin with Littleberry), m. Charlotte Way
  - x579 iii Armsbee Diggs b. 1795, m. Mary Way
  - x 580 iv Margery Diggs, m. Solomon Wright
  - x 581 v John Diggs, m. 1st Olive Puckett; m. 2d Catherine Puckett
  - 582 vi Mark Diggs b. 1799, m. Susannah Way 1826; no children mentioned in Wm S. Diggs Ms. nor "Hist. of Randolph Co. Ind."
  - x583 vii Benjamin Clark Diggs b. 16 Dec 1804 (Bible Record), m. Abigail
  - x584 viii Fanny Diggs m. Jesse Way
  - 585 ix Ann Diggs m. Henry Moorman and had:
    - 586 i Rebecca Moorman m. Joseph Brown of Fountain(?) City, Ind.
    - 587 ii Caroline Moorman

"Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy" by W. W. Hinshaw, Vol I:383 (in DAR Lib., Washington, D. C.)

# RECORDS OF THE CANE CREEK MEETING, Orange (now Alamance) Co., N. C.

- 1789, 3, 7 - Armsby Crew and son Francis, recd on certificate Cedar Creek Meeting (Hanover Co.) Va. dated 1787, 12, 8 (this was Fanny Crew's father and brother)
- 1792, 8, 7 - Fannie Diggs (formerly Crew) disowned, marriage out of unity
- 1799, 2, 2 - Fanny Diggs condemned, marriage out of unity
- 1799, 2, 2 - William Diggs, " " " "
- 1799, 6, 1 - Fanny Diggs and daughter Margery of Pee Dee granted certificate to Deep River Meeting, N. C. (Guilford Co.)

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The Crews appear in the 1790 census of Charles City Co., Va., where J. Crew, Gent. and several others were land owners in 1787. The name of Anthony Crew was on the list of 23 May 1609 of the Second Charter of the Treasurer and Company of Adventurers and Planters of the City of London for the first Colony in Virginia (page 83, Statutes at Law of Virginia, Vol I - DAR Library, Washington, D. C.)

In "Our Quaker Friends" Virginia Quarter Records of the Cedar Creek Meeting, Hanover Co., Va., p. 4: Joseph and Agnes Crew had children: Armsby Crew and 6 others; Armsby born 1745. James and Judith Crew had, among other children: Littleberry Crew b. 1762; Sarah Crew b. 1769; Benjamin Crew b. 5 May 1779.

Sarah Crew was disowned by the Quaker Meeting for marrying outside her faith 9 May 1789. Name of groom not given. (See top of p. 99) This Sarah Crew may have married William Diggs, son of Marshall Diggs #593.

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The following deed is of interest because it shows William and Marshall Diggs as sons of William Diggs who served in the Revolutionary War. This deed is the instrument which transferred the 400 acres granted William Diggs in 1769 and which is referred to in his service record on page 99:







FROM WILLIAM DIGGS TO MARSHALL DIGGS 1788

This Indenture made this 9th day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight between William Diggs of Anson County and State of North Carolina of the one part and Marshall Diggs (his brother) of the same place of the other part Witnesseth that him the said William Diggs for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred Pounds to him in hand paid by the said Marshall Diggs before the Ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof him the said William Diggs doth hereby acknowledge and himself therewith fully satisfied contented and paid and hath granted bargained sold aliened conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth freely and absolutely grant bargain sell, aline, convey, and confirm unto him the said Marshall Diggs and to his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land in the County of Anson aforesaid on the waters of Jones Creek of Pee Dee River beginning at a Sausafra standing by small Dreen within one hundred and fifty years of Jones'es Creek by the great falls of said creek and runs thence North thirty five West one hundred and twenty seven poles, etc.

Being part of a tract of 400 acres Granted to William Diggs by patent bearing date of 16th day of December Anno Dome 1769 and deeded after his discease to his eldest son Wm Diggs the conveyer of this deed together with all and singular the ways, waters mines mineral woods the said William Diggs doth covenant that the said Marshall Diggs shall have hold use occupy.

In witness him the said William Diggs hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal.

WILLIAM DIGGS (SEAL)

Anson Co. October Cot. 1788

proved in open court by the oath of Charles Hinson  
a Subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be  
registered.

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State of North Carolina ::

Anson County ::

Hazel Tice, Deputy Register of Deeds of Wadesboro, Anson County, N. C., do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract of a deed which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Anson County in Book B 32, at page 94.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 25 day of October 1949.

(SEAL)

HAZEL TICE, Deputy Register of Deeds,  
Anson County, N. C.

(Original certified copy with application papers, NSDAR 391783 Bernice (Meyers) McCleary)

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MARSHALL DIGGS TO WILLIAM DIGGS

(NOTE: This land seems to be part of that deeded to Marshall by William Diggs above. This William may be the one who was son of Marshall, or even a younger Marshall and William belonging to one of these families.)

The State of North Carolina Know all men by these presents that I Marshall Deggs of Anson County and State of North Carolina aforesaid in Consideration of the Sum of 375 Dollars current money of the State to me paid by William Diggs of said County have granted bargained Sold and released and by these presents do grant--to the said William Diggs all that plantation or Tract of Land--in the County aforesaid on Jones's Creek the waters of Pedee River containing 170 acres----Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of January in the year of our Lord 1811, and in the 35th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Marshall Diggs (SEAL)







North Carolina ) January Sessions 1812  
Anson County )

Then the within deed was duly acknowledged in open court and ordered to be Registered.

Tod Robinson Clk.

State of North Carolina ::  
Anson County ::

I, W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract of a deed which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Anson County in Book N & O, at page 203.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 22nd day of May 1912.

W. K. Boggan

Clk of the Superior Court of Anson Co.

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MARSHALL DEGGS TO SAML. PRATT

This Indenture made this 25th of Decr. 1821 between Marshall Deggs of the one part and Saml. Pratt of the other part Witnesseth that the Said Marshall Deggs for & in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred and fifty dollars to him in hand paid by the sd. Saml. Pratt the recpt & payt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth hereby bargain sell & convey unto the said Saml. Pratt--which was conveyed by sd. Marshall Deggs unto James Johnson--the sd. Marshall Deggs his heirs Exrs shall & will warrant & forever defend--In witness whereof the sd Marshall Deggs has hereunto set his hand & seal the day and date above written.

Marshall Deggs (SEAL)

(Acknowledged in Court Jany Term 1822, Certified by W. K. Boggan, 22 May 1912, from Bk U, pg 16.)

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The following deed proves that William Diggs married Fanny Crews, daughter of Armsby Crews, and his brother John Diggs married her sister Agnes Crews.

WILLIAM DIGGS & OTHERS TO JOSEPH CLARK, 1822

This Indenture made this 15th day of March in the year 1822. Between Wm Diggs and Fanny his wife & John Diggs & Agnes his wife of the County of Anson & State of N. Carolina of the one part and Joseph Clark of the same County & State of the other part. Witnesseth that the sd. Wm and John Diggs & Fanny & Agnes their wives, daughters of Armsby Crews dec'd late of the County & State above mentioned for & in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred & Eighty five dollars to them in hand pd. by the sd. Joseph Clark at & before the signing & sealing of these presents the receipt & pay't whereof is hereby acknowledged do for themselves & their heirs hereby bargain, sell convey & confirm unto the sd. Joseph Clark his heirs Exrs. & assigns 2 certain pieces or parcels of land situate on the waters of Jones Creek in the aforesd County of Anson one of the sd. tracts of land was granted to the sd. Armsby Crews dec'd on the 21st day of July 1774 begins at a red oak in the Et. side of the watery branch at the end of Hopkin Howells 1st line & runs So. 15 degrees Et. 98 poles to a stake in Christopher Clarks 1st line then No. 75 degrees 240 poles with the sd. line to a red oak then No. 15 degrees Wt. 232 poles to a stake among 3 white oaks ptrs. then So. 75 degrees Wt. 226 poles to a blk. oak then So. 15 degrees El. 134 poles to a stake among 2 red oaks & 1 white oak prt. then No. 75 degrees Et. 186 poles to the beginning containing 200 acres be the same more or less & the other tract was granted to sd. Armsby Crew for 200 acres & begins at a sweet gum by 2 populars on the Et. bank of the little branch in the line of the above mentioned tract & runs thence along sd. line No. 75 degrees Et. 35 chas. to a white oak in the Wt. bank of the watery branch







at the lower end of a small Island then up the various courses of sd. branch 47 chs. to a stake by a pine & blk. jack then No. 20 chs. to a stake by 2 blk. jacks & a pine then So. 39 degrees Wt. 53 chs. to Christopher Watkins new Survey then along his other line No. 88 degrees 12 chs. his blk. oak corner on the bank of the little branch & down the several courses of sd. branch to the beginning except 11 acres of the first mentioned tract which was conveyed sd. Armsby Crew to Marshall Diggs and sd much of the last mentioned tract as may be within the lines of a tract of land granted to Christopher Watkins & the sd. Wm & Jno. Diggs & Fanny & Agnes their wives for themselves their heirs have hereby bargained sold set over & conveyed & confirmed unto the sd. Joseph Clark his heirs Exrs. & assigns forever all the above described land & Premises, together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging Except as before Excepted and the sd. Wm & Jno Diggs Fanny & Agnes their wives for themselves & their heirs do hereby covenant and promise to & with the sd. Joseph Clark his heirs Exrs. & assigns that they the sd. Wm & Jno Diggs Fanny & Agnes their wives their heirs Exrs. & assigns shall & will warrant & forever defend the above sd. land & premises Except as above excepted against all persons whatsoever unto the sd. Joseph Clark his heirs Exrs & assigns. In witness whereof the sd. Wm & Jno Diggs & Fanny & Agnes Diggs their wives have hereunto set their hands & seals the day & year above written.

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of Witness

A. Jones

Kenneth M.

(illegible)

WM DIGGS (SEAL)

FANNY DIGGS (SEAL)

JOHN DIGGS (SEAL)

AGNES DIGGS (SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

ANSON COUNTY

This day before me George E. Badger one of the Judges of the Courts of Law & Courts of Equity of sd. State at the Town of Wadesboro in the County of Anson personally appeared Wm Diggs & Fanny Diggs his wife Jno Diggs & Agnes Diggs his wife grantees in the within Deed of conveyance to Joseph Clark & acknowledged the one & legal execution thereof as their acc. & deed for the purpose therein mentioned & at the same time & place the sd. Fanny Diggs & Agnes Diggs being by me George Badger Judge as aforesd severally and respectively & privately examined separate & apart from their sd. husband touching their free consent in executing the sd. Deed of conveyance each of them the sd. Fanny & Agnes did on each their several examinations so had before me acknowledge & declare that the sd. Deed was by them severally executed freely & voluntarily without any force or compulsion of their respective husbands or any other person & each of them the sd. Agnes & Fanny did also declare that she did & doth freely thereto wherefore let the sd. Deed by registered & this certificate certified under my hand this 15th day of March A. D. 1822.

Geo. E. Badger, J.S.C.L.E.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

ANSON COUNTY

I, Francis E. Liles, Register of Deeds for Anson County, North Carolina, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Deed recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Anson County, North Carolina in Deed Book No. u, at page 114.

To which I subscribe my name and affix seal of office, this the 25th day of October 1949.

FRANCIS E. LILES

Register of Deeds, Anson County

(SEAL)

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1830 Census, Randolph Co., Indiana, White River Township, Winchester

p. 24 - WILLIAM DIGGS, SR.    1 male under 5 years  
                                  1 male from 60 to 70 years  
                                  1 female from 20 to 30 years  
                                  1 female from 50 to 60 years

I, Rosalind S. Smith, residing at 1026 16th St. N. W., Washington 6, D. C., do hereby declare the above to be a true copy of the census record indicated, made by me from the record on file at the Department of Archives, this city.

Signed: ROSALIND S. SMITH

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of May 1949.

Katherine C. Carrick

(SEAL)

Notary Public, D. C., 12/14/53

(NOTE: Original certified copies of the two preceding documents with the DAR application papers of Bernice (Meyers) McCleary 391783, April 15, 1950.)

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"In an old cemetery on the farm of LEANDER MOORMAN, Winchester, Randolph Co., Indiana, called 'Old Dunkirk Cemetery' near which there was once a Quaker Meeting House, I found the tombstones and inscriptions as follows:

WILLIAM DIGGS  
Died May 15, 1854  
About 100 yrs. old

Near him I found:    FANNY DIGGS  
Died April 7, 1838

"I, Dr. John H. Beals, of Winchester, Indiana, have personally seen these stones and swear to the correctness of the inscriptions, copied on 9th July 1949."

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WILL OF WILLIAM DIGGS

Winchester, Randolph Co., Ind.    June 1, 1837

STATE OF INDIANA, RANDOLPH COUNTY

In the name of God, Amen:

I, William Diggs of said County, being old and weakly, but of perfect, sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills made by me.

1st, I give and bequeath to son Littleberry Diggs one dollar.

2nd, I give and bequeath to son William Diggs one dollar.

3rd, I give and bequeath to son Armsbee Diggs one dollar.

4th, I give to my daughter Margery Wright one dollar.

5th, I give to my son John Diggs one dollar.

6th, I give to my son Mark Diggs one dollar.

7th, I give to my son Benjamin C. Diggs one dollar.

8th, I give to my daughter Ann Moorman, one dollar.

9th, I give to my granddaughter, Susannah Way, infant heir of daughter Fanny Way, late of this county, deceased, Sixty acres of land it laying in the South side of the Northwest quarter of Section Twenty five, Township Twenty N Range Thirteen E, and lastly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, namely Fanny Diggs all the balance of my estate to be by her disposed of as she in widow may see proper.

And I do hereby nominate ordain and appoint my two sons namely Littleberry Diggs and Benjamin C. Diggs my Executors to see that this my last will and testament be







faithfully executed. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, seal this 1st day of June 1837.

WILLIAM DIGGS (SEAL)

Attest:

Paul W. Way  
Jesse Moorman

STATE OF INDIANA, RANDOLPH COUNTY, SET:

I, Samuel M. Hinshaw, Clerk of the Randolph Circuit Court do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, full and complete copy of the last Will and Testament of William Diggs, which will is on file in this office in Will Record 1, page 164.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 5th day of May 1949.

SAMUEL H. HINSHAW

Clerk, Randolph Circuit Court

ELNA INGLE

Deputy Clerk

(SEAL)

STATE OF INDIANA

RANDOLPH COUNTY SS:

Be it remembered that on this 26th day of June, A. D. 1854 personally appeared Paul Way one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will, before me Henry N. Neff, Clerk of the Randolph Circuit Court, and ex officio Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said county who after being duly affirmed says that the within is the will of William Diggs, deceased, that he was present when the same was examined, that he wrote said will for said William Diggs at his request that he saw said William Diggs sign his name thereto that he saw Jesse Moorman subscribe his name to said will as a witness which he done in presence of said William Diggs, said Testator, when he executed said will, was twenty-one years and over of age, he was also of sound mind and memory and not under coercion or restraint of any kind at time of executing the same, that said Paul W. Way subscribed his name to said will as a witness in presence of said William Diggs and the said Jesse Moorman the other subscribing witness thereto, said will was executed in said County of Randolph and on the day of the date named therein and further says not.

PAUL W. WAY

Affirmed and subscribed to before me this 26th day of June A. D. 1854. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Court of Common Pleas this 26th day of June A. D. 1854.

HENRY N. NEFF

(SEAL)

STATE OF INDIANA

RANDOLPH COUNTY, SS:

I, Henry N. Neff, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County do hereby certify that the within will of William Diggs deceased, has been duly admitted to Probate before me, that a complete record of said will and the testimony of Paul W. Way, the witness by whom the same was proved has been duly recorded on Will Record 1, page 164.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 26th day of June A. D. 1854.

Henry N. Neff, Clerk

(SEAL)







STATE OF INDIANA  
RANDOLPH COUNTY, SS:

I, Samuel M. Hinshaw, Clerk of the Randolph Circuit Court do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, complete and correct copy of the Probate of Will in the William Diggs Estate, which record is on file in this office in Will Record 1, p 164.

Witness my hand and official seal this 9th day of September 1940.

SAMUEL M. HINSHAW

(SEAL)

577 Littleberry Diggs b. 1793, d. , m. 1st 1811 Lydia Way; m. 2d Hannah Mendenhall.

Children of Littleberry Diggs and Lydia Way:

588 i Caroline Diggs m. Nathan Thomas; had:

589 i Almira Thomas

590 ii William Thomas

591 iii Lydia Thomas

592 iv Maria Thomas

593 v Barclay Thomas

594 ii Lucy Diggs m. William Macy and had:

595 i Lydia Jane Macy

596 ii Mary Ellen Macy

597 iii Abigail Macy

598 iv Caroline Macy

599 v Phoebe Macy

600 vi Joseph Macy

601 vii William Wilberforce Macy

602 viii Thomas Jefferson Macy

603 ix Patrick Henry Macy

604 x Cyrus Macy

605 xi Littleberry Macy

606 iii Evaline Diggs m. Henry Overman and had:

607 i Silas Overman

608 ii Isaiah Overman

609 iii Micajah Overman

610 iv Robert Barclay Overman

611 v Caroline Melissa Overman

612 vi Leander Overman

613 vii Columbus Overman

614 iv John Diggs

615 v Lydia Diggs

616 vi Littleberry C. Diggs m. Mercy Addington and had:

617 i Calvin Wasson Diggs b. 13 Sept 1843 in Stony Creek Two., Randolph Co., Indiana ("Hist. of Randolph Co., Ind." E. Tucker 1882). Md. Harriet Edger and had:

618 i Nellie Edger Diggs m. Dr. John H. Beals (dentist) and had:

619 i John Calvin Beals, Deed.

620 ii Robert Beals; living Winchester, Ind. 1949

621 iii Harriet Beals. (Md. George Romeiser and living Memphis, Tenn. 1964. FRM)

Dr. John H. Beals has been very generous with his time and attention in helping this compiler get data on the Indiana Diggs family by loaning the W. S. Diggs Ms. and by copying tombstone records in the old cemeteries







- 622 ii Mary Jane Diggs; um; living in Winchester, Ind., 1949
  - 623 viii Rev. Marshall Way Diggs b. 1824; m. Elizabeth Addington and had:
    - 624 i Ellen Diggs, decd.
    - 625 ii Calvin Diggs, decd.
    - 626 iii Albert Barnes Diggs m. Zona House and had:
      - 627 i Vernal A. Diggs
      - 628 ii Dudley Diggs
      - 629 iii John Marshall Diggs
  - 630 iv Elizabeth E. Diggs m. Rev. E. M. Counseller and had:
    - 631 i Wm. M. Counseller
  - 632 v William Seward Diggs, attorney at law, mayor of Winchester, Ind., b. 1862 Cincinnati, Ohio; m. Emma C. Hensel and had:
    - 633 i Ethel Elizabeth Diggs
    - 634 ii Mary Iona Diggs

Wm. S. Diggs collected data on the Diggs and Degge family and mimeographed a manuscript on his findings; however, he thought the Diggs family of Winchester were descendants of Edward Diggs, governor of Va., not realizing that the Indiana families had changed the spelling of their original name Degge to Diggs.
  - 635 vi Mary Elvira Diggs m. Chas. Edw. Durr and had:
    - 636 i Lloyd Durr
    - 637 ii Bertie Durr
  - 638 vii Marshall Way Diggs, Jr., m. Gertrude C. Strong and had:
    - 639 i Harold Diggs, decd.
    - 640 ii Maurine L. Diggs
  - 641 viii Mercy Irena Diggs m. Chas. C. Irving and had:
    - 642 i William Irving
    - 643 ii Edna Irving
  - 644 ix Cordelia E. Diggs m. Arthur C. H. Gutheil and had:
    - 645 i Charles Gutheil
    - 646 ii Marshall Gutheil
    - 647 iii William Gutheil
  - 648 viii Benjamin Franklin Diggs m. Melissa Hiatt and had:
    - 649 i Liebe L. Diggs m. Harry Schaum and had:
      - 650 i Midge Schaum m. Dr. John Sebastian Wever; living in Kansas City, Kansas in 1949
    - 651 ii Alvin Shelly Diggs m. Anna L. \_\_\_\_ and had:
      - 652 i Frederick Diggs
      - 653 ii Ethel Diggs
    - 654 iii Otis Ellery Diggs
    - 655 iv Lowell Clyde Diggs
- Children of Littleberry Diggs and Hannah Mendenhall:
- 656 ix Ann Eliza Diggs m. Isaiah P. Watts and had:
    - 657 i Inez Watts m. W. F. Tibbott and had:
      - 658 i Frederick Tibbott
      - 659 ii David Tibbott
    - 660 ii Grace Watts m. Emerson Addington and had:
      - 661 i Constance Addington
    - 662 iii Thomas Watts m. Blanche Harris and had:
      - 663 i Raymond Watts
    - 664 iv Shelly Diggs Watts m. Carrie Butler
    - 665 v Francis Clarke Watts m. Emma Mendenhall and had:
      - 666 i Orpheus Watts
      - 667 ii Adonis Watts







- 668 iii Sylvia Watts
- 669 iv Olive Watts
- 670 v Thomas E. Watts
- 671 vi William Nelson Watts
- 672 vii Harold Watts

Isaiah P. Watts was an attorney in Winchester and circuit clerk of Randolph Co. from 1881 to 1886.

- 673 x Elizabeth Diggs
- 674 xi Rasma Diggs
- 675 xii Francis Clarke Diggs, farmer in Kansas

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#### 1830 Census of Randolph County, Indiana

p. 16 - White River Township (Winchester is in this township)  
WILLIAM DIGGS, JR.

p. 20 - Armsby Diggs  
Littleberry Diggs

Benjamin C. Diggs  
William Diggs, Sr. (NOTE: This Wm. Diggs, Sr.,  
was the one who m. Fanny Crew; Wm Diggs, Jr.  
was their son)

#### STONY CREEK TOWNSHIP

p. 34 - John Diggs, Mark Diggs

In the 1840 census, Armsby, Littleberry, Benjamin, and William Diggs, Sr., reappear in White River Township. In this year at Winchester was Henry Diggs, whose household consisted of 1 male 20-30; 1 male under 5; 1 female 20-30 (Henry was son of Armsbee)

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MENDENHALLS ON WHOSE SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR DESCENDANTS HAVE MEMBERSHIP IN DAR (Undoubtedly other Mendenhalls served, but these are the lineages which have been proved.)

DAR Lineage Bk, Vol 94:49 (1927)

- THOMAS MENDENHALL (1750-1843) served as a sailor 1775 on the frigate "Nancy" to procure arms and ammunition in neutral islands for his destitute country; born Delaware Co., d. Philadelphia, Pa., m. 1766, MARY ZANE (b. 1769)
- 2 Edward Skull Mendenhall (1789-1853) m 1822 Rhoda Hayes (1799-1852)
  - 3 John Hayes Mendenhall (1825-1905) m 1846 Margaret Reynolds (1826-1903)
  - 4 Hamlin C. Mead (b 1848) m Mary Mendenhall (b 1850)
  - 5 Margaret Mead b Detroit, Mich.; m. \_\_\_ Morton, NSDAR #93151

DAR Lineage Bk, Vol 7:254-255 (1894)

ROBERT MENDENHALL, 1774 was a member of the committee of Correspondence of Chester Co. and of the Provincial Congress at Philadelphia 23 Jan 1776; m. Elizabeth Hatton

- 2 John Mendenhall m Tabitha Nowlin
- 3 Esther Mendenhall m John Hill
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- 5 Abbie Bull Rees, #6751

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HANNAH (MENDENHALL) DIGGS

(From "History of Randolph County, Indiana" by E. Tucker 1882)

This Hannah Mendenhall married as his second wife Littleberry Diggs, son of William and Fanny Diggs.

Hannah (Mendenhall) Diggs, Winchester. Her great-grandfather's name was Mordecai Mendenhall living in North Carolina (see Mordecai in 1830 Indiana census after this quotation). The whole connection were millers and millwrights and he among the rest.

Her grandfather, Stephen Mendenhall, was born about 1750 and raised thirteen children to be grown and married. He came to Richmond about 1814; moved to Clinton Co., Ohio soon afterward, and died there about 1822.

Her father was Nathan Mendenhall. He was born in North Carolina (Randolph or Guilford Co.) in 1773; came to Highland Co., Ohio in 1806; moved to Clinton Co. Ohio and remained in that county till 1837; came in that year to Randolph Co. Indiana and settled near Unionport. He was married in North Carolina to Ann Harlan who was born in 1772. Nathan died 1847 and his wife in 1857.

They had 8 children: Edith (Cowgill) 1799, lived in North Manchester, Ind. and is the mother of 15 children; Hiram Mendenhall b. 1801, had 10 children and d. 1852, June 30, the same day that Henry Clay died; Maria (Hartman) 1805, 4 children, d. 1872; Elizabeth (Rublo) 1806, one child, d 1874; Nathan 1809, 10 children, d 1861; Hannah (Diggs) 1811, 3 children, now living (1881); Rebecca (Lewis) 1813, one child, resides in Oregon, she moved to California 1854 and to Oregon 1855, her home ever since.

Hannah (Mendenhall) Diggs was born in 1811, married Littleberry Diggs in 1841, and has had 3 children (4 given by Wm S. Diggs Ms. as follows: Anna Eliza Diggs; m. Isaiah P. Watts; Elizabeth Diggs; Francis Diggs, farmer in Kansas; Rasma Diggs. Tucker says Isaiah P. Watts was an attorney in Winchester and Circuit Clerk of Randolph Co. 1881-86).

Hannah's husband, Littleberry Diggs died in the winter of 1846, and she has lived a widow ever since.

Her mother's name was Harlan, who was the daughter of Enoch and Edith Harlan, North Carolinians.

Enoch Harlan lay a corpse when his daughter (mother of Hannah Mendenhall) was 21 yr. old. His father was William Harlan, son of Ezekiel Harlan, son of George Harlan, son of James Harlan. Enoch Harlan had 10 children born between 1770-1792.

Rebecca (Harlan) Hampton, dau of Enoch Harlan and aunt of Hannah Mendenhall, is now living in Lee County, Iowa, in her 89th year.

Hannah Mendenhall's great-grandfather (on her mother's side) was Nathaniel Carter who was a ribbon weaver in Dublin, son of a rich man in that city by the name of Nicholas Carter. Nathaniel came to America away back in 1600 and odd to see the country and liked it so well that he stayed. He taught school all the rest of his days, living to be a very old man.

Her great-grandparents on her father's side were Mordecai Mendenhall and Charity (Beason) Mendenhall. Her grandfather's name was Stephen Mendenhall, and his wife's name was Elizabeth Rich, and her father and mother were John Rich and Sarah (Frasheur) Rich. Her great-grandparents on her mother's side were William Harland and Margaret (Farlow) Harlan. Her grandparents were Enoch Harlan and Edith Carter, and Edith Carter's parents were Nathaniel and Ann (McPherson) Carter.

Hannah's parents were Nathan Mendenhall and Ann Harlan.

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Report of Mrs. Newman Smith, 1026 16th St., N. W., Washington, D.C. (1950), genealogist:

"The History of N. C." Vol 6:34 gives a sketch of Edward W. Mendenhall and says he is a descendant of John who came to America in 1685 with his brother Benjamin and sister May and settled at Concord, Pa. John m. Miss Morris, dau of Geo. Morris, and had a son Mordecai who had a son Thomas. "According to the best available information" Thomas established this branch of the family in Guilford Co., N. C. in colonial times.

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- 578 William Diggs, Jr. b. 17 Dec 1793 (twin with Littleberry( N. C., d. ,  
m. 6 Oct 1816 N. C. Charlotte Way. Children:
- 676 i Fanny Diggs b 1816/17 m. Matthew Hill  
677 i Annie Jane Hill  
678 ii Jessie Hill  
679 iii Mark Hill  
680 iv Bononi Hill  
681 v William Hill  
682 vi Ruth Ann Hill  
683 vii Charlotte Hill
- 684 ii Anna Diggs m. Jesse Reynard  
685 i Charlotte Reynard  
686 ii Unice Reynard  
687 iii Thomas Reynard  
688 iv Angelina Reynard  
689 v Elisa Reynard  
690 vi Elisha Reynard  
691 vii William Reynard
- 692 iii Unice Diggs m. Thomas Moorman  
693 i Tarelton Moorman  
694 ii Agnes Moorman  
695 iii William Moorman  
696 iv Hannah Moorman  
697 v Thomas F. Moorman  
698 vi Hiram Diggs Moorman  
699 vii William Alonzo Moorman  
The Moorman family were N. C. Quakers.
- 700 iv Pleasant Diggs m. Anna Peacock  
701 i Abigail Jane Diggs  
702 ii Amos Diggs  
This family lived at Earlham, Madison Co., Iowa
- 703 v Agnes Diggs, died
- 704 vi Joseph C. Diggs m. Abigail Peacock  
705 i Elwood Diggs  
706 ii Elisha Diggs  
707 iii William Diggs  
708 iv Wilson Diggs  
709 v Hannah Diggs
- 710 vii Henry H. Diggs m. Sarah Wright; m. 2d Ann Carpenter  
Children by 1st wife:  
711 i Lester Diggs  
712 ii Gulid Diggs  
713 iii Effie Diggs  
714 iv Ivan Diggs  
Children by 2nd wife:  
715 v Charlotte Diggs
- 716 viii Anthony Diggs m. Elvira Thomas  
717 i Anna Jane Diggs
- 718 ix Ruth M. Diggs m. Mathew W. Diggs. No children.
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From "Past and Present of Randolph County, Indiana" by John L. Smith and Lee L. Driver, Indianapolis Ind.; A. W. Bowen & Co. 1914 (in Indiana State Library 1949) pp 265-266:

WILLIAM DIGGS, JR., LATE OF WHITERIVER

"I was born in Anson County, N. C., December 17, 1793. In the year of 1816 I came to Indiana to seek a home for myself. Paul, Henry H. William and Robert Way and I came across the country from North Carolina in a road wagon, crossed the Ohio River at Louisville, Ky; came to Blue River, but not being pleased with the country, we came to Wayne County, made our temporary abode at Charlotte Way's (afterward my mother-in-law)...I was married to Charlotte Way October 6, 1816, and returned to my claim in February 1817. At that time there was only one white settler nearer than twelve miles.

"We brought up nine children; all but one are living yet, and they were all born in Randolph County, and on White River. The eldest, Fannie, now Mrs. Matthew Hill, lives at Jericho, Randolph County; Anna, now Mrs. Jesse Reynard, lives east of Buena Vista, Randolph Co.; Eunice, now Mrs. Thomas Moorman of Winchester, Ind.; Pleasant W. married Anna Peacock and now resides at Earlham, Madison Co., Iowa; Agnes not living; Joseph C. Diggs; Henry H. Married Sarah Wright (now deceased) and afterward Lois Ann Carpenter. Their home is at Nora, Jo Daviess Co. Ill; Anthony Diggs married Elvira C. Thomas, dau of George and Asenath Thomas, and they reside at Earlham, Madison Co., Iowa. Ruth married Matthew E. Diggs and they live at Farmland, Randolph Co. Ind." See p 129 for census rec of Wm Diggs, Jr.

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- 579 Armsbee Diggs b. 1795 N. C., d. , m. 1816 Anson Co., N. C. Mary Way. Had;
  - 719 i Henry Diggs b. 1817, m. Nancy Edwards
  - 720 ii Patience Diggs m. John L. Leake
    - 721 i Mary E. Leake m. Charles Rogers
    - 722 ii Nancy Leake m. Alonzo Dynes and had:
      - 723 i Walton L. Dynes
    - 724 iii Priscilla Leake m. Jesse Hill
    - 725 iv Hannah Leake m. Wm. Farrah
  - 726 iii Priscilla Diggs m. Stephen Moorman and had:
    - 727 i Alfred Moorman m. Mary Flood
    - 728 ii Lucy Moorman m. Haines
    - 729 iii Henry H. Moorman m. Julia Bowman and had:
      - 730 i Carleton Moorman
  - 731 iv Jesse W. Diggs m. Julia Hobbick. Lived Winchester, Inc. 1894. Had:
    - 732 i Frank Diggs m. Elizabeth Morrison
      - 733 i John Diggs
      - 734 ii Florence Diggs
      - 735 iii Alice Diggs
      - 736 iv Ettie Diggs
      - 737 v Elma Diggs
      - 738 vi Eva Diggs
      - 739 vii Daniel E. Diggs m. Miss Smith
  - 740 v John W. Diggs m. Elizabeth Holms and had:
    - 741 i George Sanford Diggs m. and had:
      - 742 i Earl Diggs m. and had: children.
    - 743 ii Charles C. Diggs m. Louise Holderman and had:
      - 744 i John Diggs
    - 745 iii Edward F. Diggs m. Vora E. Harter and had:
      - 746 i Max Diggs
      - 746 ii Madge Diggs
  - 747 vi Rachel Diggs m. Edward Hinshaw and had:
    - 748 i William Hinshaw m. Evaline Hiatt







- 749 vii William Diggs, living Vermillion Co. Ind. 1894
- 750 viii Matthew Way Diggs m. Ruth Diggs; living in Farmland, Ind. 1894
- 751 ix Fanny Diggs
- 752 x Washington Diggs, d. young
- 753 xi Hannah Diggs, d. young
- 754 xii Littleberry Diggs, d. young

From "History of Randolph County, Ind." by E. Tucker, 1882:

p. 311 - ARMSBEE DIGGS was among the earliest settlers of Randolph County and for many years one of its most active and reliable citizens. He was born in 1795 in Anson Co., N. C. About the year 1816 he married Mary Way, and in the winter of 1816-17 started with his young wife for the wilds of Indiana, reaching Randolph Co. in February 1817 and locating on the banks of White River...in December 1817 his eldest son, Henry, was born. The latter was one of the first white children born on White River in this county, his only seniors being Fanny, daughter of William Diggs, and Lydia Wright, now the wife of Endsley Jones of this county. In the years that ensued, eleven other children were added to the family of Mr. Diggs, six of whom are now living: John W., Jesse, Rachel, William, Matthew, and Fanny. Littleberry, Washington, and Hannah died young. Henry, the eldest, grew to manhood in this county and married, but is now deceased. Patience, wife of J. R. Leake, and Priscilla, wife of Stephen Moorman, are also deceased.

John W. Diggs, son of Armsbee and Mary Diggs, was born on the 20th of January 1826.

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580 Margery Diggs m. Solomon Wright and had:

- 755 i Washington Wright m. Hannah Jane Thornburg
  - 756 i Harvey Wright
  - 757 ii Clifford Wright
  - 758 iii John Wesley Wright
  - 759 iv Elma Wright
  - 760 v McClelen Wright
  - 761 vi Phoebe Wright
  - 762 vii Cora Wright
  - 763 viii Pearl Wright
- 764 ii Hannah Wright m. Elisha Garrett; m. 2d Henry C. Thornburg
  - 765 i Emma Garrett
  - 766 ii Lillie Garrett
  - 767 iii Henry C. Thornburg
  - 768 iv Jennie Thornburg
- 769 iii Mary Wright m. John W. Clayton and had:
  - 770 i Lulu Clayton (adopted) m. Edwin S. Jaqua
- 771 iv William Wright m. Rebecca Ann Thornburg
  - 772 i Rosetta Wright
  - 773 ii Solomon Wright
  - 774 iii Raleigh Wright
  - 775 iv Lizzie Wright
  - 776 v Otto Wright
  - 777 vi Edward Wright
  - 778 vii Noah Wright
  - 779 viii Bertha Wright
- 780 v Lydia Wright m. Philip K. Dick
- 781 vi Rachael Wright







782 vii John M. Wright m. Lydia A. Jackson and had:

- 783 i Eva Wright
- 784 ii Ernest Wright
- 785 iii Maude Wright
- 786 iv Nancy Wright
- 787 v Gail Wright
- 788 vi Raymond Wright

789 viii Fanny Wright m. Robert S. Taylor and had:

- 790 i Frank E. Taylor m. Minnetta Amelia Kitchum

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581 John Diggs b. 1802, d. , m. 1st Olive Puckett; m. 2d Catherine Puckett.

Children 1st marriage:

- 791 i Harriot Diggs m. John L. Thornburg
- 792 i Asaneth Thornburg
- 793 ii Olive Thornburg
- 794 iii John D. Thornburg
- 795 iv Lydia Thornburg
- 796 v Matilda Thornburg
- 797 vi Rachel Thornburg
- 798 vii Elvin Thornburg
- 799 viii Catherine Thornburg

Children by 2nd marriage:

800 ii Emily Diggs m. Josiah Parker

- 801 i Susanna Parker m. Eli Reese
- 802 i Ethel Reese
- 803 ii Emma Reese
- 804 iii Roy Reese
- 805 iv Clyde Reese
- 806 v Harlan Reese

807 ii William Diggs Parker m. Elizabeth Bond and had:

- 808 i Laura Parker
- 809 ii Goldie Parker
- 810 iii Edgar Parker
- 811 iv Ralph Parker

812 iii Lavinia Parker m. John French and had:

- 813 i Della French

814 iv Rachel Parker m. William Owens and had:

- 815 i Clona Owens
- 816 ii Robert Owens
- 817 iii Anna Owens

818 v Sarah Parker m. Charles Hawkins and had:

- 819 i Marie Hawkins

820 vi Albert Parker m. Ella Thornburg

821 vii Lindley Parker m. N. Thornburg and had:

- 822 i Herman Parker
- 823 ii Helde Parker
- 824 iii Orville Parker
- 825 iv Savilla Parker

826 iii Lydia Diggs m. Townsend and had:

- 827 i Lavinia Townsend

828 iv Daniel Diggs, died

829 v Lavinia Diggs, died







- 830 vi William C. Diggs m. Mary Stanton. Was County Comm'r of Randolph Co., Ind.; Quaker; son of John Diggs "a descendant of an old M. C. family that settled early in Randolph ("Hist. of Delaware & Randolph Counties, Ind." pub 1894, copy in DAR Library, Washington, D. C.). Had:
- 831 i Ella Diggs m. W. Marshall Branson and had:
- 832 i Hazel Branson
- 833 ii Mildred Branson
- 834 iii Burch Branson
- 835 ii John Way Diggs m. Julia A. Moore and had:
- 836 i Clarence Diggs
- 837 ii Glen Diggs
- 838 iii Robert Diggs
- 839 iii Harvey H. Diggs m. Mahatta B \_\_\_\_\_
- 840 i Mahatta Diggs
- 841 iv Emma Diggs, died
- 842 v Charles Diggs, died
- 843 vi Clarence Diggs, ded
- 844 vii Pearl Diggs
- 845 viii Grace Diggs
- 846 ix Clyde Diggs m. Opal Frazee
- 847 i Everett Diggs
- 848 ii Catherine Diggs
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584 Fanny Diggs m. Jesse Way and had:

- 849 i Susanna Way m. Thomas W. Kizer and had:
- 850 i William Diggs Kizer m. Louisa Dana
- 851 ii Fanny Kizer
- 852 iii Abe Lincoln Kizer
- 853 iv Emma Dizer m. John E. O'Harra. One child:
- 854 i Florence O'Harra
- 855 v Alice Kizer m. Wm Marion Ross, one child:
- 856 i Agnes Ross
- 857 vi Frank M. Kizer m. \_\_\_\_\_ Canada, one child:
- 858 i Carlton Thomas Kizer
- 859 vii Thomas J. Kizer m. Margaret Monks
- 860 viii Edward Kizer m. \_\_\_\_\_
- 861 i Homer Thomas Kizer
- 862 ii Beatrice Kizer
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583 Benjamin Clark Diggs b. 16 Dec 1804 Anson Co., N. C. (Bible rec. and census rec.), d. 15 Aug 1853 Winchester, Randolph Co., Ind. (will & Bible rec.), m. 1st Abigail \_\_\_\_\_ b. 15 Sept 1801, d. 3 Feb 1849 (Benjamin's will & Bible rec); m. 2nd Phoebe \_\_\_\_\_ (Benjamin's will); children by 1st marriage:

- 863 i Clarkson Diggs, d. 1833
- x864 ii Hiram Diggs, b. 14 Apr 1833, m. 1st Hannah Mendenhall; m. 2d Elizabeth (Carpenter) Wylie
- 865 iii Allen Diggs, b. 4 Apr 1835
- 866 iv Phoebe Diggs, b. 12 Nov 1848

Benjamin Diggs is given as Benjamin Clark Diggs on the Bible record (see below); he is listed in the 1850 census for Randolph County, Ind., White River Township, Winchester, as age 46 with 3 children listed as Hiram, age 17; Allen, age 15; and Phoebe A., age 1. He is not given in Wm S. Diggs' Ms. but his father's will (see preceding pages) names him as youngest son.







BIBLE RECORD

Benjamin Clark Diggs born 16 December 1804, died 15 August 1853  
Abigail Diggs born 15 September 1801, died 3 February 1849  
Phoebe Diggs born 12 Nov 1848  
Clarkson Diggs d. 1833  
Allen Diggs born 4 April 1835  
Hiram Diggs born 14 April 1833  
Fanny Diggs died 7 April 1838 age 66

I, Alvin Diggs, residing at Thompson, Nebraska do hereby declare the above to be a true copy of the records found in HIRAM DIGGS Bible in my possession.  
Signed: ALVIN DIGGS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of November 1949.  
(SEAL) Lorraine Schutte  
Notary Public

Com. Exp. Apr 1, 1945

1850 Census, Randolph County, Indiana, White River Township, Winchester  
p. 80  
(155) BENJAMIN DIGGS, age 46, farmer, Real Estate \$1200, born in North Carolina  
Family 563 Hiram, age 17, born in Indiana  
Allen, age 15, " " "  
Phoebe A., age 1 " " "

I, Rosalind S. Smith, residing at 1026 16th St., N. W., Washington, D. C., do hereby declare the above to be a true copy of the census record indicated, made by me from the record on file at the Department of Archives, this city.

Signed: ROSALIND S. SMITH

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of May 1949.  
(SEAL) KATHERINE C. CARRICK  
Notary Public, D.C. 12/14/53

MENDENHALL NOTES

Family tradition says that Benjamin Clark Diggs married first Abigail Mendenhall, but we have not been able to prove this statement. The following is from the report of Mrs. Rosalind S. Smith, Washington, D. C.:

"In the 'Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy' by W. W. Hinshaw (in DAR Library, Washington, D. C.) there are fifty or more Mendenhall references and on page 827 it shows Nathan, son of George and Judith, in the Deep River Meeting, Guilford Co., N. C. He married 1801, 9, 7., Phebe Haworth. So there must have been two Nathans if the one in Randolph County, Ind., was a son of Stephen (see preceding pages). The daughter of Benjamin C. Diggs and Abigail was named Phebe, which rather suggests that this may have been Abigail's mother's name and therefore that Abigail may have been a daughter of Nathan of Guilford Co., and Phebe Haworth. Benjamin C. Diggs was born in 1804, and ordinarily his wife would have been some years younger, or born perhaps between 1804 and 1810. Nathan and Phebe were married in 1801, and chronologically Abigail would fit in as their daughter. This is all in the realm of speculation, however. Nathan's sister Abigail, according to the Hinshaw record, married Hezekiah Clark in 1819. (Would this account for Benjamin's second name of Clark?)

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WILL OF BENJAMIN C. DIGGS

IN THE NAME OF THE BENEVOLENT FATHER OF ALL:

I, Benjamin C. Diggs, of the County of Randolph, and State of Indiana, do make and publish my last will and testament.

Item 1st. I give and devise to my beloved wife Phebe, in lieu of power all the property that she had and brought with her to me when I married her and all the household property that she has made since our marriage all the household property now in the process of making and I further give and bequeath to my said wife my new wagon and harness for two horses and I further give and devise to my said wife all of my hogs (except the old sow) and I further give and devise to my said wife my red cow and one three year old red heifer and one, one year old red heifer and one half of my sheep, and one spotted three year old steer for a Beef for the family, and I further give and devise to my said wife my bay horse all the corn and oats now growing on and upon the place and the three stacks of hay here at the house and the hay that is in the barn, and I further give and devise to my said wife all of my unthreshed wheat for the use of the family and I further give and devise to my said wife my cupboard and cooking stove and trimmings, also my foalading leaf table and my kitchen table and mangle clock, and I further give and devise to my said wife such articles of household and kitchen furniture not otherwise herein disposed of to an amount not exceeding twenty five dollars (this is intended to articles of small value) that are necessary for housekeeping and to tedious to enumerate as she may desire.

Item 2d. It is my will and I hereby order and direct my executor hereinafter appointed to purchase a farm for the future residence of my said wife at such place as she and said executor shall select, not exceeding in value the sum of one thousand dollars and I hereby order my said executor (to be appointed) to pay for the same any sum not exceeding the said sum of one thousand dollars out of any of the proceeds of my estate not otherwise herein disposed of, and when such farm shall be so purchased, it is my will and I hereby order and direct that my said wife take possession thereof and hold use and occupy the same for her use and benefit during her life providing she shall so long remain my widow and at her death or marriage (providing she shall again marry) it is my will that said land to be purchased as aforesaid shall descend and go to my three children Hiram C. Diggs, Allen C. Diggs, and Phebe Ann Diggs to be equally divided among them and it is my will that my said wife shall use and occupy the farm on which we now reside free of charge until my executor shall purchase and provide for her the said farm to be purchased and provided for her as above stated and I also bequeath one stand of Bees and also the family Bible to my said wife and also the roan sucking calf.

Item 3rd. I give, devise and bequeath to my son Hiram C. Diggs my black horse with a scar in the forehead and also the saddle and bridle and martingales known in the family as his, and also one fourth part of my flock of sheep and I further devise and bequeath to my said son Hiram one bed bedstead and bedding and one stand of Bees.

Item 4th. I devise and bequeath to my son Allen C. Diggs my black horse and the bridle halter and martingales known in the family as his, and I further devise and bequeath to said Allen my saddle (which I have formerly used) and thirteen dollars to buy a new saddle with and I further give and devise to my son Allen one fourth part of my flock of sheep and also one bed, bedding and bedstead and also one stand of Bees.

Item 5th. I devise and bequeath to my daughter Phebe Ann Diggs one bed, bedding and bedstead, also my bureau and book case and also my work stand and my chest little wheel and reel and also a side saddle (which formerly belonged to Abigail Diggs her mother deceased). And I devise and bequeath to my said daughter my gray horse direct my executor to sell said horse and apply the proceeds thereof to the benefit of my said daughter, as soon as convenient after my departure, it is my will said horse be sold.



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Item 6th. It is my will that my books be divided equally among my wife and two sons Hiram and Allen and I hereby direct my executor so to divide them giving to each his or her preference so near as he can to make an equal division among them.

Item 7th. It is my will that my cupboard ware except that part thereof brought me by my wife Phebe or acquired by her be equally divided among my three children, Hiram, Allen and Phebe Ann.

Item 8th. It is my will that my wife Phebe have the care and education of my daughter Phebe Ann until she arrives at the age of 18 years.

Item 9th. It is my will and I hereby nominate and appoint Henry Moorman, Guardian of my said daughter Phebe Ann and charge him with the care of her estate both personal and real.

Item 10th. I do hereby nominate and appoint Henry Moorman, Executor of this my last will and testament hereby authorizing and empowering him to compromise, adjust, release and discharge in such manner as he may deem proper the debts and claims due me.

Item 11th. It is my will that all my real estate be divided equally among my three children Hiram, Allen and Phebe Ann and I hereby devise and bequeath the same to them and their heirs forever.

Item 12th. It is my will my said Executor should as soon as he can after my departure settle my just debts and burial expenses.

Item 13th. It is my will that my said Executor shall sell all my personal estate not herein otherwise disposed of as soon as he conveniently can after my decease, excepting the necessary provision for the family and after converting my property as aforesaid into money and collecting my outstanding debts and the purchases and payments of my just debts and the sums herein bequeathed and the expenses of settling my estate.

It is my will that the residue of my personal estate shall be divided equally among my three children: Hiram, Allen and Phebe Ann.

I hereby revoke all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of the eighth month in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Three.

(Signed) Benjamin C. Diggs

The interlineations "on and" on the first page and (order) 2nd line of second page and (I bequeath) in the 13th line of second page was made before the signing of the will by the testator.

Signed and acknowledged by said Benj. C. Diggs as his last will and testament in our presence and signed by us in his presence and at his request.

(signed) Tarlton Moorman

(signed) Mark Diggs

(signed) Moorman Way

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State of Indiana  
Randolph County

Be it remembered that on this 29th day of August A. D. 1863 personally appeared before me Henry H. Neff Clerk, Tarlton Moorman and Mark Diggs two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will who after being duly affirmed says that the above is the will of Benj. C. Diggs, deceased that they were present when he executed said will that they saw him sign it and heard him acknowledge the same to be his last will and testament in their presence. And that they signed the same as witnesses in his presence and at his request. Said Benj. C. Diggs when he executed said will was about 49 years of age and he was of sound mind, memory and understanding and not under coercion or restraint of any kind at the time of executing same.

Tarlton Moorman

Mark Diggs







Affirmed and subscribed before me this 29th day of August A. D. 1853.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said court of common pleas this 29th day of August 1853.

Henry H. Neff - Clerk

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State of Indiana

Randolph County

I, Henry H. Neff, Clerk of the Common Pleas of said County, certify that the within last will of Benj. C. Diggs late of Randolph County deceased, has been duly admitted to Probate that its due execution was this day proven by Tarlton Moorman and Mark Diggs, whose proofs together with such will have been duly recorded on pages 143, 144 & 145 of the record of wills in our office.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court this 29th day of August, A. D. 1853.

Henry H. Neff - Clerk

The foregoing will was filed and recorded the 29th day of August A. D. 1853.

Henry H. Neff - Clerk

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864 Hiram C. Diggs (see p. 114) b. 14 Apr 1833 Randolph County, Ind., d. 13 May 1915 Beatrice, Nebraska, m. 1st 21 Dec 1854 Randolph Co., Ind., Hannah Mendenhall who d. 4 Apr 1877 Audubon, Iowa; m. 2nd 3 June 1883 Granfield, Kansas, Elizabeth (Carpenter) Wylie b. 27 Sept 1848, d. 23 Apr 1926 Pickerell, Nebr., widow of Madison A. Wylie (see pension papers quoted in text below). Children by 1st wife:

867 i Lewis A. Diggs b. 29 Jan 1855

869 ii Allen F. Diggs b. 14 Oct 1857

870 iii Hiram E. Diggs b 4 Apr 1862

871 iv Ida A. Diggs b 3 June 1865

872 v Edwin A. Diggs b 22 Jan 1867

873 vi Hattie A. Diggs b 11 Mar 1869

874 vii Amanda R. Diggs b 9 Apr 1870, died

875 viii Eliza V. Diggs b 28 Oct 1872

x876 ix John D. Diggs b 10 Dec 1874, m. Essie Derrick

877 x Lizzie Diggs b 29 Mar 1877

Children by 2nd wife:

878 xi Alvin E. Diggs b 1 Feb 1884; lives (1950) Thompson, Nebr; owner of Bible from which records were copied)

879 xii Charles C. Diggs b 29 Mar 1886

880 xiii Homer H. Diggs b 15 July 1889

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U. S. Pension Certificate No. 426,787, Issued in 1882:

#### HIRAM C. DIGGS

Served as a Private, Company B, 3rd Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. On original pension roll at Topeka, Kansas. Dropped as "dead" May 28, 1915. Stated to have died at Beatrice, Nebraska, on May 13, 1915. Left a widow, Elizabeth F. Diggs, who died April 23, 1926 at Peckerell, Nebraska.

Date of birth of pensioner alleged to be April 14, 1833, at Randolph County, Indiana. Enlisted August 23, 1861. Discharged Sept 14, 1864. Enrolled at Farmington, Iowa, discharged at Davenport, Iowa. Pensioned under Act of July 14, 1862, in October 1882 as disabled. Living in 1888 in Smith County, Kansas, Hardile, P. O. In 1890 at Pineville, Mo. In 1892 at Sulphur Springs, Benton Co., Ark. In 1900 at Southwest







City, McDonald Co., Mo. in 1904 was at Ellis, Gage Co., Neb. Increase in pension, due to advanced age, claimed in 1907 from Woodston, Rooks Co., Kansas. Died May 13, 1915 at Beatrice, Nebraska.

Declaration of widow, made Nov 15, 1916 at Winside, Wayne Co., Neb. states she is 68 years of age, was born Sept 27, 1848, was the widow of Madison A. Wylie whom she married March 18, 1869, as Elizabeth Carpenter, at Terre Haute. He died Oct 20, 1880 and she married on June 3 1883 Hiram C. Diggs at Granfield, Kansas.

Statement made by pensioner on Jan 15, 1898, says he was born April 14, 1833 Randolph Co., Indiana and that his wife's name was Hannah M. Mendenhall. They were married in Randolph County by Squire Rhinard (does not remember name). States that his wife died April 14, 1877 at Audubon, Indiana (should be Iowa) and that he married Elizabeth Wylie on June 4, 1883. Children named as follows:

Lewis A.	born	1/29/1855,	died
Allan F.	"	10/14/1857	
Hiram E.	"	4/4/1862	
Ida A.	"	6/3/1865	
Edwin A.	"	1/22/1867	
Hattie A.	"	3/11/1869	
Amanda R.	"	4/9/1870,	died
Eliza V.	"	10/28/1872	
John D.	"	12/10/1874	
Lizzie	"	3/29/1877	
Alvin E.	"	2/1/1884	
Charles C.	"	3/29/1886	
Homer H.	"	7/15/1889	

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I, Rosalind S. Smith, residing at 1026 16th St. NW, Washington 6, D. C., do hereby declare the above to have been copied by me from the original pension record of Hiram C. Diggs on file at the Department of Archives, this city.

Signed: Rosalind S. Smith

(SEAL) Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of May 1949. Katherine C. Carrick D. C. Notary Public. Com's expires 12/14/53.

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A certified copy of his marriage license and marriage certificate were obtained from the Clerk of Randolph Circuit Court, Winchester, Indiana (Samuel H. Hinshaw) 17 Feb 1949. It states that Hiram C. Diggs and Hannah Mendenhall were married by Nathan Reynard, Justice of the Peace, 21 Dec 1854. (Original certified copy attached to application papers of Bernice (Meyers) McCleary, NSDAR #391783, 15 Apr 1950)

A photostat copy of the death certificate of Hiram C. Diggs states that he died May 13, 1915 Beatrice, Gage Co., Neb. age 82 yrs and 29 days, date of birth 14 Apr 1833 Indiana, Father: Benjamin C. Diggs. Cause of death: cerebral hemorrhage. Geo. H. Burns, M. D. (Photostat copy with DAR membership #381783.)

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876 John D. Diggs (see page 118) b. 10 Dec 1874 Audubon, Iowa, living in Colorado Springs, Colo. 1950, m. 13 Dec 1898 Winfield, Cowley Co., Kans., Essie Derrick b. 1 July 1882, living Bell Gardens, Calif. 1950. Children:

- x881 1 Vida LaVera Diggs b. 5 Feb 1900 Elandsville, near Joplin, Mo; m. Frank E. Myers 29 March 1916 at Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 882 ii Velma Diggs
- 883 iii Edna Diggs
- 884 iv Harold Diggs
- 885 v Eldon Diggs

Essie (Derrick) Diggs and John D. Diggs were divorced and she m. 2nd Frank Woods. One child:

vi Frances Woods







CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE RECORD - PROBATE COURT

STATE OF KANSAS )  
COWLEY COUNTY ) SS.

I, Sallie O. Athearn, sole Judge and ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court within and for the county aforesaid, do hereby certify that on the 13th day of December 1898, a MARRIAGE LICENSE was issued out of said office to J. D. DIGGS of Fairplay, Missouri, age 23, and ESSIE DERRICK of Winfield, Kansas, age 16, and that pursuant thereto they were married at Winfield, Kansas, on the 13th day of December 1898 by William H. Parker, Minister as the same appears from the records of said Court in Marriage License record "E" at page 95.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas this 7th day of April A. D. 1949.

(SEAL)

Sallie O. Athearn

Probate Judge and ex-officio Clerk.

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- 881 Vida LaVera Diggs (see p 119) b. 5 Feb 1900 Blandsville, near Joplin, Mo.,  
d. 22 July 1947 Colorado Springs, Colo., m. 29 Mar 1916 Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Frank E. Myers b. 21 Jan 1889 Marysville, Kansas, d: living in Colorado Springs  
1950. Children:  
886 i Bernice Meyers b 27 Jan 1917 Colorado Springs, m 4 June 1938 Thomas  
Eugene McCleary b 27 Dec 1912  
887 ii Ramona Irene Meyers b 2 Nov 1918 Colorado Springs, m 27 Nov 1941  
E. H. Thornton, Jr.

Birth certificate and marriage certificate for Vita LaVera Diggs attached to  
application papers for DAR membership #381783, Bernice (Meyers) McCleary.

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- 886 Bernice Meyers b. 27 Jan 1917 Colorado Springs, Colo; living at 17 West Del  
Norte, Colorado Springs 1950, m. 4 June 1938 Colorado Springs (by Dr. Walter G.  
Schaefer, assisted by Dr. Mathieson) to Thomas Eugene McCleary b. 27 Dec 1912,  
resides 17 West Del Norte St., Colorado Springs, Colo. Children (born Colorado  
Springs):  
888 i Judith Ann McCleary b 27 Nov 1939  
889 ii Marsha Jean McCleary b 22 Nov 1942  
890 iii Patricia Lynn McCleary b 2 Apr 1947

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- 887 Ramona Irene Meyers b 2 Nov 1918 Colorado Springs, Colo., m. 27 Nov 1941 to  
E. H. Thornton, Jr., resides Galveston, Texas (1950). Child:  
891 i Andrea Leslie Thornton b 3 June 1945

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THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF NANCY DIGGS 1855

(NOTE: This compiler does not find anything to indicate who this Nancy Diggs was,  
but this document was found in the notes of Wm H. Degges and is included here for  
anyone who may wish to study this family further.)

In the Name of God Amen. I, NANCY DIGGS, of the County of Anson and State of  
North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing understanding calling to mind the  
mortality of all things knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die and  
after this the Judgment, do on this the 14th day of September in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, make and ordain this my last will  
and testament in the manner following, and first of all I wish my friends to bury  
me in a decent and christian like manner and as it regards my worldly estate I  
wish it disposed of in the following manner (to-wit) My wish and desire is that my







Negro girl Mary (a slave) to be sold and that my executor have choise to sell her privately or publicly as he may think proper for cash or on credit as he may think proper and for him to make a division of the moneys arising from said sale in the following manner and first my wish and desire is that my son Dixon D. Diggs should have one hundred dollars of the money arising from the sale of said Girl as a remuneration for his trouble with me in my declining years all the balance of the money arising from the sale of said Girl I wish it to be equally divided amonst all my children eight in number with the following exception that is to say that part that would fall to my Daughter Lydia Preslar, wife of Levi Preslar, I give to my son Dixon D. Diggs in trust and confidence for the sole use and benefit of my daughter, Lydia Preslar, and her children, so that it shall not be subject to the control, liabilities nor debts of her husband Levi Preslar in no way or manner whatever.

And lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved son Dixon D. Diggs sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking any and all former wills and testaments by me at any time made declaring this and only this to be my last will and testament. In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in presence of the Witnesses who were all present at the signing and sealing thereof, day and date first above written.

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Nancy X Diggs  
mark

Test. W. H. Cox  
John Ratliff

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA) COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS - Oct Term 1855  
ANSON COUNTY )

Then the foregoing will of Nancy Diggs was duly proven in open court by the oaths of William H. Cox and John J. Ratliff two subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon Dixon D. Diggs was duly qualified as executor to execute said will.

J. White, Clk.

(NOTE: Certified by W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, 24 May 1912, from Will Book C, p. 110)

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WILL OF DIXON D. DIGGS 1856 (Abstract)

In the name of God Amen. I, Dixon D. Diggs of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, etc. 2 February 1856, wife, Sarah Diggs, tract of land whereon I now live for life; after her death to be divided between two sons: Benjamin C. Diggs and William D. Diggs.

To the said son Benjamin C. Diggs, one bed and furniture originally belonging to his mother Rachel Diggs, dec'd.

Wm. H. Cox, sole executor.

Witnesses: Levi Preslar  
John J. Ratliff

D. D. Diggs (seal)

Proved April Term of Court 1856. J. White, Clk. Certified by W. K. Boggan, 24 May 1912 from Book C, p. 111.

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ABSTRACT OF WILL OF HENRY DIGGS 1860

Will Book C, p. 168, Ancon County, North Carolina:

...Remainder of property both real and personal to be kept together for raising family....after children all raised and educated, the youngest child reaching age of 21, equal division of property on hand among wife and all children share and share alike.

William Clark, sole executor. W. H. Cox, Witness. Proved Oct 1860.







(Clipping from the Winchester (Ind.) Journal 1905, a copy of which was given to Frances R. Murphy in 1964 by Mrs. Nellie Diggs Beals (widow of Dr. John Beals))

"Jackson and Davis have an exhibition in their window, a plow that is supposed to be the oldest in the state. It is a righthanded wooden mould breaking plow. It is made of oak and in a good state of preservation. John Way, grandfather of F. M. Way, who came here in 1818 from North Carolina, made the plow, he being a blacksmith.

"There are Ways around Champaign, Illinois, descendants of Paul W. Way.

"Wm. M. Way - son of Paul Way and \_\_\_\_\_ Moorman (mother was a Diggs), grandson of \_\_\_\_\_ Way and \_\_\_\_\_.

"Three or four brothers, William Diggs (son John Diggs), Marshall Diggs, Edward and Dudley Diggs, lived in Hanover County, Virginia. William and Marshall came to Carolina, Edward and Dudley were left in Virginia.

"Marlboro is 10 or 12 miles from Rockingham, N. C. March 18, 1836, letter written by J. Macallister, of Rockingham, N. C.

"October 19, 1899

"William Diggs died 5th month, 15th day, 1854, aged 100 years. He was grandfather of Anthony Diggs of Lena, Illinois, Mrs. I. P. Watts, Mrs. "Tommy" Eunice Moorman, Rev. Marshall W. Diggs, B. F. Diggs, Mrs. Lucy Diggs Macy (W. W. Macy's wife), John W. Diggs (now deceased), Jesse Diggs, M. W. Diggs of Farmland, Wm. D. Diggs, Rebecca Moorman Brown of Fountain City.

"He was the great-grandfather of T. F. Moorman, Calvin W. Diggs, W. S. Diggs, A. B. Diggs, Mrs. W. P. Marlatte, Geo. S. Diggs of Marion, Indiana, and the children of Solomon and Margery Diggs Wright. The last named include: Mrs. Judge R. S. Taylor of Ft. Wayne, Mrs. John W. Clayton, Mrs. Rachel Hunt, Lydia Dick, William and George W. Wright. He was also a brother of the great-grandmother of Miss Lou Way and the great-great-grandmother of Miss Anna Laurie Diltz.

"William Diggs - this pioneer was buried near Dunkirk Friends Church which is situated on the old Tarleton Moorman land. Tarleton Moorman came here in 1822 from North Carolina. He was father of 6 sons, one of whom is Uncle "Tommy" Moorman, aged 84 years."







## DIGGS FAMILY

This is a different family from the Degge family traced in the foregoing pages. The Degge family in different branches has changed the original spelling of the name to Degges, Deggs; and some branches, especially those in North Carolina and Indiana, spell it Diggs. For years the descendants of some of these branches thought the name was originally Digg or Diggs, thus leading to confusing of the descendants of the two different families of Diggs and Degge. See the Introduction to this manuscript.

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From Hasted's "History of Kent County, England"

Roger de Mildenhall dictus Digge who lived in the reign of King John whose son John Digge lived in the reigns of King Henry III and Edward I, and having founded the house of the Friars Minors in Canterbury lies buried there. His grandson, Roger Digge was of Barham in Kent and his seat called Digge's Court at which his descendants resided for many generations. At length James Digge marrying two wives had issue by his first, Mildred, daughter of Sir John Fineux, Chief Justice of England had two sons: John Digge, succeeded to Barham; Leonard Digge.

John Digge succeeded to Barham which was held until the time of Queen Elizabeth when the male line failing in Christopher Diggs he devised his estates to Sir Dudley the heir male of the above James and his second wife who was Phillipa, daughter of John Enghem of Chart.

Roger Digg lived at Diggs Court and served in Parliament for Canterbury Anno 29, 31 and 34 (Edw. III) whose wife Alvin and brother John Digge, Cl. both lie buried in the Chancel of Barham Church as do several of their descendants and one of them, John Digg of Diggs Court was Sheriff part of the 2nd year of King Henry IV. His grandson John Digge of this place was sheriff Anno 4 Edw IV as was his son of the same name Anno II Henry VIII whose son James Diggs of Diggs Court was so likewise Anno 2 Henry VIII. He died in 1535 having been twice married, first to Mildred daughter of Sir John Pineux, C. J. by whom he had John of Diggs Court; secondly to Philippa, daughter of John Enghem, Esq. by whom he had Leonard whose descendants were of Chilham Castle. Thomas Posthumous Diggs, Esq. about the middle of Queen Elizabeth's reign alienated this Manor with Diggs Place to Capt. Halfway of London.

Battly's Somner P. 53. One John Digg, whether the John Digg (son of Roger de Mildenhall dictus Digge) or not was a citizen and alderman of Canterbury and Bailiff of that city in the 43 of Henry III and 2 of Edw I and a great benefactor to the Franciscans or Grey Friars by purchasing in the former of those years an estate for their first settlement at that place. Hist. P. 55. And mention is made in Prymne's records P. 115 of Hamo Diggs of Canterbury, Anno 44 Henry III.

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## DIGGS PEDIGREE

1. Edward III, King of England, m. Philippa and had:
2. Prince John of Gaunt, K. G. (Knight of the Garter), the highest order of Chivalry in Great Britain. The Order of Garter was instituted by King Edward III and is the most famous of the chivalrous orders of Europe. It is limited to 25 members, the sovereign himself making 26; Duke of Lancaster who had:
3. Lady Joan of Beaufort, who married Sir Ralph Nevill, K. G., and had:
4. Sir Edward Nevill, K. G. Lord Bergevenny, who had:







5. Sir George Nevill, Knight, Lord Bergavenny, who had:
6. Sir George Nevill, K. B. (Kings Bench, ancient and most important English Court of Common Law), third Lord Bergavenny, who had:
7. Lady Ursula Nevill, who married Sir Warhal St. Ledger and had:
8. Lady Anne St. Ledger, died 1636, aged 81, who married Thomas Digges of Digges Court in Kenty, Mustermaster General of the English Army in the low countries, son of LEONARD DIGGES of Wooton Court, Kent (see preceding page for lineage of Leonard), a famous mathematician who married Bridget, dau of Thomas Wilford, Esq. and died 1574. Thomas Digges died 24 Aug 1596; his tomb in the north side of the Chancel No. 1506 bears the inscription: translated from the Latin "Hoc lieth in an assured hope should rise in Christ, Thomas Diggs, Esquire, some time Muster-Master of the English army in the low countries; a man zealously affected to true religion, was discreet, courteous, faithful to his friends and of rare knowledge in geometry, astrology, and other mathematical sciences, who finished his transitory life with a happy end in Anno 1595. 'That the dead might live Christ died.'" To Agnes, (called Anne), wife of Thomas Digges, Esq. daughter of Sir William Sent Leger, Knight, and Ursula his wife, daughter of George Nevil, Lord of Aburgaveny, by whom the said Thomas had:
  9. Sir Dudley Digges
  10. Leonard Digges, 2nd son
  11. Margaret Digges
  12. Ursula Digges
  13. William Digges, died young
  14. Mary Digges, died young
9. Sir Dudley Digges, Knight, Master of Rolls in 1619; born 1583, died 1639; erected Chilham Castle in Kent; he was a member of the London Company for colonizing Virginia, and married Lady Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Kempe, Knight of Olantigh, Kent and had 8 sonnes and 3 daughters.

Letter from Evelyn M. Brakspear, 95 St. Peter's St., St. Albans, Herts, Eng., Dec 30, 1913: "I have discovered from the Inquisition taken after the death of Sir Dudley Digges (May 16, Chas I) that his fourth son was named Edward. These inquisitions are, of course, original documents so can be taken as accurate. His sons are given as:

1. Thomas Digges aged 30
- ii. John Digges
- iii. Dudley Digges
10. iv. Edward Digges
- v. Leonard Digges
- vi. Herbert Digges

"I think we may take it as certain that this Edward is he who became governor of Virginia as his father, Sir Dudley, had so much to do with the State.

"I have found several references to this Edward in the State Papers (Colonial) at the Record Office, amongst which under date of 18 Dec 1657 I find 'Order of the Council of State.' Proposal to nominate Edward Diggs as Governor of Virginia... and under date 13 June 1670, Governor Sir W. Berkeley to Sec. Lord Arlington. In favour of Edward Digges who 15 years since, showed them the way of winding silk that he may have a patent or commission for the place of Auditor.

"I afterwards find mention of a Captain William Digges, son-in-law to Lord Baltimore and perhaps son of this Edward."



2. Sir George Smith, Bart., 1st Baronet, etc.

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12. Sir George Smith, Bart., 1st Baronet, etc.



Letter written to Wm H. Degges of Washington, D. C., whose notes this compiler has used in this manuscript.

NOTE: This Capt. William Digges was son of Gov. Edward Digges; his wife was a step-daughter of Lord Baltimore. (See following for his biography.)

From "Pedigree of a Representative Virginia Planter", pp 8-37, quoted by Wm S. Diggs' manuscript:

"Sir Dudley Digges b 1583; ed. at University College, Oxford, ambassador to Russia, M. P., and Master of Rolls. In the struggle between privilege and prerogative, he took the part of the people. Constantly interested in Virginia. He married Mary, dau of Sir Thomas Kempe in Virginia. Thomas, his oldest son, succeeded to Chilham manor and castle, acquired by his marriage. His fourth son was Edward who settled in Virginia.

10. Col. Edward Digges, b. 1620, youngest son, d. 15 March 1675/6, aged 55 years, m. Elizabeth Page (some give it as Braye), and had:
- x11 i Col William Digges, oldest son; m Elizabeth Seawell
  - x12 ii Col Dudley Digges b abt 1665; m Susanna Cole (see later)
  - x13 iii Edward Digges
  - x14 iv Mary Digges b abt 1655; m Capt Francis Page, son of Col John Page; d 10 May 1690 (see later)
  - 15 v Ann Digges m Col Wm Cole, Esq. of Bolthorpe, Warwick Co.; d 21 Nov 1688

Elizabeth, wife of Col. Edward Digges, who d. about 1691, was supposed to be a sister of Col. John Page. (Page called Edward Digges' wife Elizabeth "sister" in his will, among the head-rights in Page's patent, 1665, are his wife, Alice, and Elizabeth and Mary Page. Elizabeth, the immigrant, may have been the sister of Page and the wife subsequently of Digges. Mary Page, the other immigrant, was probably Page's daughter and married Col. Chiles, speaker of the House of Burgesses. W. S. Diggs' Ms. says there isn't any real proof that Elizabeth's maiden name was Page. He thinks it was Braye but does not give his reason for thinking so.

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GRANT OF 1200 ACRES OF LAND TO EDWARD DIGGS IN HAMPTON PARISH, YORK CO.,  
VA., MAY 6, 1651

To all et., Whereas Et., Know ye that I the said Sr. William Berkeley Esq. Knight Governor Et, give, grant unto Edward Diggs Esq. twelve hundred acres of land, situated in Hampton Parish, within the County of York and upon the south side of Yorke River butting and bounding as followeth, Vizt. Beginning at certayne marked tree standing on a poynt and at the mouth and eastward side of a creek, called West Creek and even or night York River, course East and by South 400 poles to a poynt on the westward side of Millers Creek, and from the said Creek South East 240 poles till it meeteth with a creek Called Morgans Creek dividing this land, and the land of Frs. Morgan Gent. and into the maine woods South West 340 poles, and see North West upon the land of William Sawyer over a swamp leading a long to the Indian Bridge, Northerly along West Creeke to the first station where it did begin.

The said land being due unto the said Edward Diggs by purchase from Capt. John West Esquire as appeareth by deed of conveyance, under the hands and scales of the said Captain John West and Ann, his wife dated the 11th of December 1650 may appeare and alsoe by and for the transportation to twenty four persons into the Colony et., to have and to hold et., to be held etc., Weilding et. which payment is to be made seven years after the first grant or seating thereof, dated ye 6th of May, 1651.



Letter written to the Editor of the Times, 1891, and published in the Times, 1891.

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Owen Maker	Hum Payle	John Clake	Ben. Rogers
David Owen	Thos. Avery	John Seales	Isaac Jones
Wm Humer	Ro. Bulliford	John Touney	Herbert Judd
Fra. Millet	Henry Barnes	Geo. Sweetaple	Henry Adkins
Dosebell Peach	Chr. Allen	Wm Thomas	Els. Lye
Crist Grover	Nuo. Conaway	Wm White	Jeane Hutton

Book 2, p 316, York Co., Va., Recs.

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GRANT OF 2350 ACRES TO EDWARD DIGGS IN GLOUCESTER CO., VIRGINIA  
JULY 1, 1653

To all et., Whereas Et., Now know yee that ye said Richard Bennet Esq. etc., give and grant unto Mr. Edward Diggs two thousand three hundred and fifty acres of land called Matapony River situated in Gloucester County, on ye north side of Matapony River. Beginning at a small run called Rockatamanie South East downe ye River to an oake tree by sunken ground, North East into ye maine woods and North West by West and south to ye River where it began. Ye said land being due unto ye said Edward Diggs by and for ye transportation of forty seven persons into this Colony etc., To have and to hold it., Yeilding and paying et., wch payment is tobe made seaven years after ye first grant or sealing thereof, and not before, provided and etc., Dated ye first of July 1653 ut in liis. Book 3, p 16.

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Col. Edward Digges, born 1620, had an interest in the Virginia London Company and served as Governor of the Virginia Colony from 30th March 1655 to 13th March 1658, when he went to England as one of the agents of the colony, and as a member of the Governor's Council from 22 Nov 1654, till his death 15th March 1675. He is said to have been a man of great wealth, owning nearly one-half of Mulberry Island on the James River, where he lived at Denbigh. The island is said to have been so named for the number of mulberry trees there, planted by Col. Digges to feed the silk worms, he being the first to introduce and promote the culture of silk in the colony, samples of which are said to be still held by some of his many descendants. He married Elizabeth Braye, by whom he had six sons and seven daughters, when Elizabeth, wife of Gov. Edward Digges died there were only three children out of the thirteen mentioned on his tombstone, surviving in 1691. Mary, the only one of the dead children had a living descendant. Bishop Meade in his "Old Churches and Families of Virginia" Vol I:238 says, "The family of Digges is most ancient and honorable. Virginians and Episcopalians need not wish to go farther back than to Hon. Dudley Digges, one of the most active members of that noble and Christian association, The London Company--far more of missionary institution than any of that day. The minutes of the London Company show him to have ever been at his post in the meetings of the Committee with such men as the Earl of Southampton, the Ferrars and others--Besides visiting the old Court House and clerk's office and the jail (the latter without an inmate) of Warwick County, I went to the ancient seat of Coles and Digges at Denbigh on the James River just opposite Nut Meg Quarter on Mulberry Island--the ancient house at Denbigh is no more, except one wing of it, which forms a part of the habitation of the present owner, Mr. Young, a descendant of one of the old Episcopal families of Denbigh--Although they intermarried with the family of Cole and some of them were Warwick Co. men, yet for the most part, they lived in York county, their two seats, Chilham near Yorktown and Bellfield, some miles higher up the river and about eight miles from Williamsburg, were both on the rivers. Being informed that Bellfield was the burial place of the Digges, I found the tombs in much better order than most of the old family graveyards. They are very massive--the inscription of Edward Digges:







"To the memory of Edward Digges, Esquire, sonne of Sir Dudley Digges of Chilham in Kent, Knight and Baronet, Master of the Rolls in the reign of King Charles the 1st, He departed this life the 15th of March 1675 in the 55th year of his age, one of his Majesty's counsell for this his colony in Virginia. A gentleman of most commendable parts and ingenuity and the only introducer and promoter of the silk manufacture in this colonie, and in everything else a pattern worthy of all pious imitation. He had six sonnes and seven daughters by the body of his wife Elizabeth, who of her conjugal affection hath dedicated to him this memorial."

14 Mary Digges, b. 1655, d. 1691, m. Capt. Francis Page and had one child:

16 Elizabeth Page; on 24 Nov 1691, Capt. Francis Page, in behalf of his dau Elizabeth Page "as legally representing her deceased mother, Mary, ye daughter of the said Mrs. Elizabeth Digges, petitioned the court for a division of Mrs. Digges estate" which was ordered. Accordingly on 10 Dec 1691, Joseph Ring, Thomas Barber and Martin Gardiner reported the division and the inventory was entered in York records 24 Aug 1692. It amounted to I, 1102.16/10.

11 Col. William Digges, b. , d. 1698 Charles Co., Maryland, will proved in York County, Va. 24 May 1698, m. Elizabeth Seawell, dau of Henry Seawell of Patuxent, Maryland, step-dau of the 3rd Lord Baltimore. Children:

- x17 i Edward Digges
- x18 ii William Digges, m. Elinot
- x19 iii Charles Digges d. 1744, m. and had children (see later)
- 20 iv Dudley Digges (see later in will)
- x21 v John Digges (see later)
- 22 vi Nicholas Digges
- 23 vii Jane Digges, m. Henry Sewell and had:
  - 24 i Nicholas Sewell
  - 25 ii Elizabeth Sewell
  - 26 iii Mary Sewell (see #23 below)
  - 27 iv Ann Sewell
  - v ?
- Jane Digges m. 2d Notley Rorer
- 28 viii Elizabeth Digges m. Neale and had:
  - 29 i Henry Neale
  - 30 ii Edward Neale
- 31 ix Anne Digges, m. Darnall
- 32 x Mary Digges

Col. William Digges, eldest son and heir; J. P. in 1671; captain of horse in 1674; cut off one of Thomas Ransford's fingers in a hand-to-hand fight during Bacon's Rebellion 1676; sheriff of York Co., Va. in 1679; removed to Charles Co. Maryland; died in 1698; member of the Maryland Council with title of Colonel.

#23 Will of Henry Sewell (Charles Co. Md.) Apr 24, 1664, of Patuxant River about to make a voyage in the "Maryland Merchant" to England:

To my brother Samuel Sewell 200 Acres where my good wife shall think fitt.

To my cousin Richard Dudley, 1000 acres

To my well beloved wife Jane and to afterward be divided between my children: Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mary and Ann Sewell always, provided that the child or children that my dear wife now is Bigg with is to have an equal proportion.







Jane evidently married 2d, Notley Rorer as shown in her mother's will, which follows:

WILL OF ELIZABETH DIGGS OF CHARLES CO., MD., Sept 13, 1708

I give unto my loving son Henry Whorton (the negroes in his plantation at Lewis' Neck)

I give to my son Edward Diggs (negroes)

I give to my son Charles Diggs (negroes)

I give to my son Wm Diggs (negroes)

I give to my son Dudley Diggs (negroes)

I give my son John Diggs (negroes)

I give my daughter Mary

I give my daughter Jane Rorer

I give my daughter Elizabeth Neale

I give my daughter Anne Darnall

I also give 20 shillings apiece to all the Jesuite priests in Maryland.

Proved June 17, 1710.

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WILL OF WILLIAM DIGGS OF CHARLES CO., MARYLAND,  
dated Sept 19, 1695, proved July 24, 1697

Gives his plantation on York River in Colony of Va. to Edward forever, all, when daughters are married or 21 years old.

Bequeaths to his dear wife Elizabeth "my negro man called Macy and the twelve negroes that I brought with me from "Virginia" and gives names.

Wm Diggs of Charles Co. Md. and wife Elizabeth had:

Wm Digges - Tract called "Baltimore Gift"

Chas Digges - "Digges" purchase "Digges addition"

Dudley Digges and John Digges - Tract called "Pierces Encouragement" on Patapaco River in Baltimore Co.

Nicholas Digges - called "Elizabeths Delight" in Charles Co. Md.

Edward Digges - Plantation on York river in Va.

Elizabeth Digges....

Ann Digges

Mary Digges (see later)

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17 Edward Digges, died unmarried 1714. St. Mary's and Charles Co., Md. Rent Roll No. 2 (Record Office, Annapolis, Md.)

1000 Acres, Yearly rent L-2.

Barbadoes surveyed in 1673 for Elizabeth Wharton in his Lordship's Manor of Panguya on ye side of the main run of Port Tobacco Creek - possessed by Edward Diggs

Elizabeth Wharton - Liver 15 - Folio 157, wife of Dr. Jesse Wharton - Pat. for Barbadoes, 1000 acres in Chas. Co., Md. 1673, Sept 24.

NOTE: From the above and from Elizabeth Digges' will above, it seems that Elizabeth was married before she married Digges and had a son Henry Wharton.

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WILL OF EDWARD DIGGES, April 10, 1714

I, Edward Digges of P. G. Co., give unto my brother John Digges, his heirs forever, all my tract of land and plantation called "Barbadoes" given unto me by my late dear mother Mrs. Elizabeth Digges.

To my sister Mary Digges (negroes)







To my sister Darnall

To my brother Motley Rorer, tract of land lying on Eastern Branch called Elizabeths Delight, 100 acres. Whereas I have sometime since sold my rights to two tracts of land at ye Eastern Shore unto Col. Whittington, the one called Cedar Neck, the other Digges Point, and which I think are not sufficiently made over, I hereby bequeath the said two tracts unto ye said Wm Whittington.

Some of land to John simot in St. Marys Co. called Denby.

Whereas I have promised and agreed with Alexander Hamilton for a tract of land lying in Bangiah Manor upon ye head of Port Tobacco Branch, etc.

To Nephews Henry Neale and Ed. Neale Water Mill Port Tobacco.

I give to every one of the Jesuite Priests that shall be in this province at ye time of my death three pounds in money and to M. Jas. Haddock, Priest, if in Maryland 20 shillings in money.

I desire my Executors to pay off all ye money that is due at the College of St. Amers for my brother Dudley's schooling and accomodations to Feb 1711, provided my said brother Dudley Digges and assignes make no demands for any money, Tobacco, goods, Cattle &c. as due to him for his part or share--from my mothers estate or make no demands from me as Executor of my fathers estate or my said mothers estate...

I do hereby give unto my said brother if he returns into this province in three (3) years and is not in Holy Orders..

Mentions brother Benjamin Hall and cousin Francis Hall.

If there now remains any right, title, claim, etc. unto the lands, negroes, etc. bought by me of my cousin Charles Pye, I do hereby transfer and give the same unto my brother Wm Digges etc. for whose use I bought them, he discharging those engagements I made with Capt. Hyde, Merchant in London upon that account.

All the remainder of my estate to be divided amongst my brothers Charles Digges, Wm Digges, John Digges (and Dudley Digges upon the condition before mentioned) only sister Mary Digges, and my sister Neals children, one part to my brother Robt Brook, Priest.

Book 13, Will Book 5, page 673.

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- 18 William Digges, b. d. 1740 Prince George Co., Md., m. Elinor\_\_\_\_, b. d. will dated 11 Sept 1740, proved 26 Nov 1740. Children:
- x33 i Ignatius Digges (see later)
  - x34 ii Nicholas Digges, d. 1750, m. and had:
    - 45 Elinor Digges
  - x35 iii Edward Digges, d. 1769 (see later)
  - x36 iv Thomas Digges (see later)
  - 37 v Francis Digges
  - 38 vi Mary Digges, m. Raphael Neale(?)
  - vii Henry Digges (not named in father's will but mentioned in Edward's)
  - viii William Digges " " " " " " " " " "

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GRANT OF 1074 acres to WILLIAM DIGGS of PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD. situated in PRINCE WILLIAM CO. VA. dated August 30, 1731 (see later land patent on "Smyrna")

THE RIGHT HONBLE. THOMAS LORD FAIRFAX of Leeds Castle in the County of Kent, and Baron of Cameron In Scotland, and William Gate of Milgate in the Parish of Berestoad in the said county of Kent, Esquire Devises in trust and sole executor of the last will and testament of the Right Honble. Katherine, Lady Fairfax Deceased, Proprietors of the Northern Neck of Virginia. To all to whom this present writing shall come send Greeting. Know ye that for divers good causes and considerations but more especially for and in consideration of the composition for our use paid unto our Agent and Attorney, and for the annuel rent hereafter reserved.







We have given granted and confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and assigns do give grant and confirm unto William Diggs of Prince George County in the Province of Maryland Gent. one certain tract or parcel of land containing 1074 acres, lying and being in the County of Prince William joining upon the land of Middleton Shaw, upon Tuskerora Branch among the Broken hills the said land being bounded as followeth viz....etc. Given at our Office in Lancaster County within our said Proprietary under our seal. Witness our Agent and Attorney fully authorized thereto dated the 30th day of August in ye 5th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the faith ec., Anno Domini 1731.

William Diggs, his deed for 1074 acres of land in Prince William County, Va... Examined. (This should be Prince William Co., Md.?) Book "D", page 20.

Each of the foregoing are certified to as follows:

Land Office, Richmond Va.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the records of this office.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 1st day of October 1912.

Jno. W. Richardson

Register of the Land Office

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF WILLIAM DIGGS of Prince George County, Maryland, dated Aug 31, 1739, proved Aug 28, 1740.

To wife Elinor Diggs, dwelling Plantation, etc. during life and 1/4 personal estate during life, then to be divided equally between sons, Ignatius, Nicholas and daughter Mary Diggs.

To son Edward Diggs tract "Essex" on Piscataway Run, negroes, and all the cattle, hogs, etc. on his plantation at Pipes Creek and on Collington called Pianas Grove.

To son Ignatius Diggs, after death of his mother, tract where I now dwell called "Nellwood Park," tract called Free School Farm, tract called "Cole Brigade," tract called "Craycroft's Purchase," tract called "Hatchett," tract called "Little Addition," tract called "Aquascott alias part of Brooke Court" and one-third personal estate.

To son Nicholas Diggs tract bought of Mr. Chas. Pye called "Pyanas Grove" on Collington Branch and one-third personal estate.

To daughter Mary Diggs, 1/3 pers. est. one-third money for lands in Virginia and Maryland where there are prospects of valuable ore, et....

To son Thomas 6 negroes..

To son Francis 6 negroes, etc.

Daughter Mary to have piece of land if she is not married before mother's death.

Mentions Daniel Dulaney Esq. and Mr. Daniel Carroll of Marlborough, Partners in some land dealings.

Will Bk 22, D. D. No. 1, page 232.

WILL OF ELINOR DIGGS OF PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Sept 11, 1740

To my granddaughter Elinor Diggs, dau of my son Edward Diggs..

To my daughter Mary Diggs...

To my sons Ignatius Diggs and Nicholas Diggs...

Elinor Diggs (SEAL)

Proved Nov 26, 1740

Book 22, D. D. 1, pg 301







- 35 Edward Digges (see pg 129), b. ,d. 1769, m. Children:  
39 i John Digges  
40 ii Edward Digges  
41 iii Elizabeth Digges m. Jesse Wharton  
42 iv Elinor Digges  
43 v Mary Digges  
44 vi Ann Digges

Edward Digges mentions his sons-in-law Charles Wharton, Jesse Wharton, but does not indicate the names of their wives.

WILL OF ED. DIGG of ST. MARY'S CO., MD.

June 4, 1769

As I am an heir at law to my father, being conscious that it was his will and intention that my two brothers William Digges and Henry Digges should have an equal part with me of all the lands in Maryland and elsewhere, they paying each of them their proportion of all the expenses that has been concerning the said land. I give and bequeath unto each of them one third part of the said lands and my one third or part of said land shall be put up for sale to discharge my just debts---likewise all the lands in Frederick Co. which belong to me---shall be sold for the equal benefit of my three daughters Elizabeth Digges, Elinor Digges, Mary Digges; also that my share of the Hampton Ironworks and the lands and everything thereunto shall be sold (and divided between his 3 daus).

To my son John Digges 1/5 personal est after my just debts are paid, but in case he returns in the province and not a Religious, otherwise it shall be equally divided between my three daughters, Elizabeth, Elinor, and Mary.

To my son Edw. Digges and my daughter Ann Digges L35 each yearly for life, etc.

My daughter Elizabeth Digges should have the care of my daughter Ann Digges and my daughter Elinor Digges shall have the care of my son Edward Digges.

Mentions his sons-in-law Charles Wharton and Jesse Wharton and his brother Wm Digges.

Brother-in-law Raphael Neale (either his sister's husband or his wife's brother).

Book 37, D. D. 2, pg 461

Proved Dec 18, 1769

(see land patents later)

33 Ignatius Digges (see pg 129)(see pgs 130 for wills of his father and mother in which he is left tracts of land). Nothing more is found in Wm H. Degges' notes on this man.

The following is from Land Commissioner's Office:

State of Maryland, Annapolis, Oct 8, 1912

"CHILHUM CASTLE" 530½ acres--resurvey on "MARGERY" and "COLONETS BRYGADE"

Resurveyed for Ignatius Diggs of Prince George County and patented to him 28th Jan 1757--lying in Prince George County on West side of Western Branch of Potuxent River--Liver B. C. & G. S. No. 6 folio 515. Manor of Calverton

"HELLWOOD PARK" 660½ acres--resurvey on "HELLWOOD PARK"--Resurveyed for Ignatius Diggs of Prince George County 28 Feb 1758, and patented to him 29 Sept 1760--lying in Prince George County adjoins Free School Farm. Liver B. C. & C. G. No. 10, folio 518. Manor of Calverton.

"DIGGS' LODGE" 665 acres--Resurvey on part of "GRAY CROFTS PURCHASE" part of "KACKET," "LITTLE ADDITION" part of "REQUASEATT" als. "BROOK COURT" Resurveyed for Ignatius Digges of Prince George County 17 March 1761 and patented to him 22 June 1763,







lying in Prince George County standing on a point by a marsh side near the mouth of a branch commonly called Kennedys Branch the said stone standing in the place where was proved the beginning tree of "BROOK COURT MANOR." Liber B. C. & G. S. No. 20, folio 225, Manor of Calverton.

"BERGANDY" 632 acres--resurvey on "EASY COME BY" Resurveyed for Ignatius Diggs of Prince George County 26th April 1769, and patented to him 30 July 1770--lying in Frederick County on Rock Creek and near Rock Creek Chapel. B. C. & G. S. No. 32, folio 420. Manor of Conegochigue.

"SECOND ADDITION TO EASY COME BY" 163 acres--surveyed for Ignatius Digges of Prince George County 27 Oct 1773, and patented to him 6 Dec 1775--Beginning at end of 12th line of a tract of land called "THE RESURVEY OF LUCU ST THICKET." Liber B. C. & G. S. No. 52, folio 85. Manor of Nonococy.

34 Nicholas Digges (see pg 129), b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. 1750, m. \_\_\_\_\_, Child:  
45 Elinor Digges

WILL OF NICHOLAS DIGGS OF PRINCE GEORGE CO., MD., Dated Mar 9, 1749,  
Proved June 27, 1750

To my dear loving daughter Elenor Digges all my real and personal estate, except legacies hereafter mentioned

To my God daughter Elenor Digges, daughter of my brother Edw. Diggs

To my God daughter Mary Rozer, daughter of Henry Rozer

To Ignatius Digges and Henry Rozer or either twenty pounds in trust for that Blergyman who shall perform my funeral rites.

Book No. 27, D. D. No. 6 (Signed) Nicholas Digges

"CHILDTON CASTLE" 218 acres--lying in Prince George County South side of a large spring that descends into Lingamore Creek a draft of Nomocacy--Patented to Nicholas and Ignatius Diggs of Prince George County 19 Dec 1741. Liber L.G. No. C, folio 183.

19 Charles Digges (see pg 127), b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. 1744 Prince George Co., Md., m.\_\_\_\_\_,  
d. before her husband; she is not mentioned in his will. Children:

46 i William Digges (see below)

47 ii Anne Digges

48 iii Mary Digges, m. Hill

46 William Digges m. and had:

i Charles Digges; d. umm; his will bequeaths to his honoured father, Wm Digges his estate all and singular. On the back of said will was this written, "on 19th day of Apr 1769 came Thomas Carson and made oath that he did see Charles Digges late of said Co., merchant, sign and seal the written instrument, will dated Aug 18, 1761 (Prince George Co., Md. Bk 37, W. D. 2, pg 194)"

50 ii Thomas Digges

51 iii George Digges







WILL OF CHARLES DIGGS OF PRINCE GEORGES CO., MD., Jan 28, 1742

To my daughter Anne Diggs...

To my daughter Mary Hill...

To my loving sister Anne Darnall...

To my loving son William Diggs the land etc. where I now dwell called "Warburton Manor" and "Frankland" adjoining to hold during his natural life and after his decease to my dear grandson Charles Diggs eldest son of said Wm Diggs and after the decease of my said grandson Charles Then to revert to the first son of my said grandson and the heirs of the body of the said first son, etc.---and for default of such issue then to my grandson Thomas, second son of said Wm Deggs---and if no issue to my grandson Charles and his issue---no issue---to my grandson George, third son of Wm Diggs.

Charles Diggs (SEAL)

Witnesses: Anne Darnall

Geo. Attwood

H. Darnall

Hen Rozer

Proved May 28, 1744

Book 23, D. D. 2, folio 504

Land Commissioner's Office, State of Maryland, Annapolis, Oct 9, 1912:

"WARBURTON MANOR" 1562 acres--lying in Prince Georges County beginning at the mouth of Pascataway Creek--patented to Charles Digges and Alexander Contee 26 Oct 1733. Liber A. M. No. 1, folio 160. (see later)

21 John Digges (see pg 127)

(NOTE: Land grants for John are all that this compiler finds in Wm H. Degges notes for him; he probably married and had children, but we do not have the record) See pg 128 for tract of land left John and Dudley Diggs by their father's will. It was called "Pierces Encouragement."

John Digges to Robert Owings assignment of 500 acres 4th May 1732 land surveyed for Robert Owings called "BARE GARDING" and patented to Owings 8th October 1733. Liber A. M. No. 1, folio 337.

"THE BACK LAND" 2578 acres--lying in Prince Georges County on a small fork of Little Captings Creek which descends into Monococy--Patented to Arnold Livers 10th June 1734. This tract was surveyed for John Digges and assigned to Livers. Liber E. I., No. 3, folio 348.

"DIGG'S CHOICE" 6822 acres--lying in the back woods Baltimore County--Patented to John Diggs of Prince Georges County--Patented to John Diggs of Prince Georges County. 11th October 1735. Liber E. L. No. 3, folio 433.

"CLARKS" DISCOVERY" 100 acres--Surveyed for Nathaniel Wickham of Prince Georges County 14 June 1734, assigned to John Diggs of Prince Georges County 14 Aug 1736 and patented to John Diggs 10 Nov 1737. Liber E. I., No. 2, folio 607.

"JUSTICE DELIGHT" 250 acres--lying in the back woods of Prince Georges County near a branch that descends into a Creek called Sams Creek--Patented to John Diggs 7th August 1742. Liber E. I., No. 6, folio 473.

"HAZLE VALLEY" 118 acres--lying in back woods Prince Georges County beginning at two black oaks of William Fraquers land--Patented to John Diggs 6th Aug 1742. Liber E. I. No. 6, folio 474.







"THE DISAPPOINTMENT" 182 acres--lying in Prince Georges County in the back woods beginning at a tract of land called Arnolds Delight--Patented to John Diggs 8th July 1743. Liber L. G., No. b, folio 639.

"THE MEADOWS" 172 acres--lying in Prince Georges County in the back woods near a rich meadow by the side of a branch called Toms Creek--patented to John Diggs 27 July 1743. Liber L. G. No. B, folio 641.

"CEDAR CLIFFS" 290 acres--Lying in Prince Georges County in back woods on the South side of a small run that descends into the West side of Beverdam Branch. Patented to John Diggs of Prince Georges County 18 April 1744. Liber P. T. No. 1, folio 177.

"BROTHERS AGREEMENT" 60 acres--lying in Prince Georges County in back woods beginning at two bounded white oak trees standing in a small valley that descends into the East side of a run falling into the North side of Great Pipe Creek. Patented to John Diggs of Prince Georges County 14 April 1744. Liber P. T. No. 1, folio 175.

"BROTHERS TRYAL" 30 acres--surveyed for John Diggs of Prince Georges County 14 April 1744, and patented to him 14 April 1744--lying and being in the back woods on fork of a small branch which descends into the South East side of Piney Creek. Liber P. T. No. 2, folio 140. Neld of Manor of Calverton.

All of the above from Land Commissioner's Office, Annapolis, Md.

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From Land Commissioner's Office, Annapolis, Md., Oct 9, 1912:

William Diggs who died in Charles Co., Md. 1698 had the following land:

"BRANDFORD" 1050 acres--Talbot Co. patented to Wm Diggs of St. Marys County 13 May 1682. Liber C. B. No. 2, folio 486

"DIGGES ADDITION" 295 acres--in Charles Co. w. side of Wicocomoco River, etc. Patented to Col Wm Digges 16 Aug 1682. Liber No. 22, folio 90.

"CEDAR NECK" 356 a. Somerset Co. on a seabord side, etc. to Col Wm Digges of St. Marys Co. 28 June 1688, Book N. S. No. B, folio 608

"ELIZABETH DELIGHT" 1000 a. in Charles Co., Potomac River. Patented to Col Wm Digges of St. Marys Co. 9 March 1688. Liber N. S. No. B, folio 658

"DIGGES POINT" 475 acres--Somerset Co. on seabord side, etc. Patented to Col Wm Digges of St. Marys Co. 28 Jan 1688. Liber N. S. No. B, folio 599.

"COASTERS REFRESHMENT" 1600 acres--In Cecil Co., etc., patented to Charles Diggs but surveyed for Col Wm Diggs 14 July 1683. Liber E. I. No. 2, folio 483.

"FAIRE MEADOW" 438 acres in Somerset County on s. side Baltimore River, Surveyed for Col Wm Diggs of St. Marys Co. 1 May 1688. Liber No. 22, folio 384.

"SPRINGFIELD" 486 acres--in Somerset Co. on s. side of Baltimore River--surveyed for Col Wm Diggs of St. Marys Co. 9 May 1687. Liber No. 22, folio 385.

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"DIGGS ADDITION" 658 acres--in Charles County on s. side of a creek facing out of Wiccocomico River, etc., patented to Charles Diggs of Chas. Co. 30 Mar 1714. Liber P. L. No. 3, folio 473.

"COASTERS REFRESHMENT" 1600 acres--in Cecil Co. on main branch of St. Georges Cr. etc., patented to Chas. Diggs but surveyed for Col Wm Diggs 14 July 1683. Liber E. I. No. 2, folio 483.

"ADDITION TO PARTNERSHIP" 200 acres--lying in Prince Georges County beginning etc.. patented to Chas. Diggs 16 Oct 1733. Liber E. I. No 1, folio 2

"PEER" 291 acres--resurveyed for Chas Digges 7 March 1743, patented to him 7 Mar 1743--. Held of Manor of Zachiah. Liber P. T. No. 2, folio 223.

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18 William Diggs, land patents

"CLEAR SPRING" 50 acres in Prince Georges Co. patented to Wm Diggs Esq 7 Aug 1733. Liber P. L. No 8, p 759.

"WICKHAM RANGE" 50 acres--surveyed for Nathaniel Wickham of Prince Georges Co. 22 Oct 1731, patented to Wm Diggs of Prince Georges Co. 1734. Liber E. I. No 2, folio 104.

"FELLOWSHIP" 172 acres--resurveyed for Wm Diggs of Prince Georges Co 25 Sept 1746 patented to him 28 Oct 1747 in Prince George Co. Liber B. T. & B. Y. No. 3, folio 318.

"KENDALLS MEADOWS" 550 acres--resurveyed for Wm Digges of P. G. Co., patented to him 28 Oct 1747--Liber T. I. No. 1, folio 59. Held of Manor of Calverton.

"SMYRNA" 625 acres--resurveyed for Wm Browne 18 Dec 1752 patented to Wm Digges 6 Oct 1753 (must be son of Wm who d. 1740). Resurvey on "Smyrna" lying in Prince George Co. adjoins "THE WIDOWS PURCHASE" and "HENRIETTA MARIA". Liber Y & S No. 8, folio 133. Held of Manor of Calverton.

"CHITTUM CASTLE MANOR" 4443 acres--resurvey on "Smyrna", "KENDALLS MEADOW", "THE WIDOWS PURCHASE" "YARROW HEAD" "HENRIETTA MARIA" "YARROW" "CHEWS CHANCE"--resurveyed for Wm Digges of P. G. Co. 25 Jan 1762, patented to him 15 June 1763. In Prince Georges Co. on W. side of Eastern Branch of Potomack River nr. mouth of Branch commonly called Canoa Br. Liber B. C. & G. S. No. 18, folio 304. Manor of Calverton.

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38a William Diggs (see pg 129). The following are probably his patents, for his father and grandfather, both named William, were dead by 1740.

"THE ADDITION OF DARKETH" 27 1/2 acres--surveyed for Wm Digges of Prince Georges Co. 22 Apr 1765, and patented to him 27 Apr 1765--lying in Prince George Co. beginning at end of five hundred perches on a line drawn East North East from the point that makes the north side of a creek commonly called Swan Creek adjoins a tract called "Batchelors Harbour". Liber B.C. & G. S. No. 29, folio 117, Manor of Calverton.

"THE VENTURE" 50 acres--surveyed for Benefict Calvert 3 Feb 1767, and patented to him of Prince Georges Co., Edward Digges of St. Mary Co., William Digges, Jr. of P. G. Co., Normand Bruce and Janes Kenedy of Frederick Co. 25 Jan 1768--Lying in Frederick Co near the foot of Killoctain about 1/2 mile afrom Adam Pinkleys and about 5 or 6 perches from a small draft leading from said Mountain into Great Hunting Creek Liber B. C. & G. S., No. 33, folio 21, Manor of Conegochieague.







35 Edward Digges (see "THE VENTURE" above)

"BEDFORD" 5301 acres--resurvey on "NEW BEDFORD". Resurveyed for Daniel Machinzie of Anne Arundel County and John Logsdon of Frederick County 21 Apr 1762, and patented to Edward Digges and Normand Bruce 12 Nov 1763--lying in Frederick Co. Liber B.C. & G.S. No. 15, folio 789. Manor of Conegocheigo.

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36 Thomas Digges had the following patents:

"MOUNTAIN PROSPECT" 600 acres--in Prince Georges Co. at head of line stone spring that leads down a valley descending into small branch of Little Pye Creek--patented to Thomas Diggs of Anne Arundel Co. 1 Aug 1745. Liber P.T. No. 2, folio 139. Land Comm'r Office, Annapolis, Md.

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- 12 Col. Dudley Diggs b. abt 1665, d. 18 Jan 1710 aged 45, m. Susanna Cole, b. 1674, d. 1708, dau of Wm Cole, member of the Council, Secretary of the Colony. Children:
- x52 i Cole Digges, eldest son and heir; m. Elizabeth Power
  - 53 ii Edward Digges; among the tombs in the churchyard at Woodford, Eng., is a tomb of Edward Digges, Esq., son of Hon. Dudley Digges of Va.; d. 1711
  - 54 iii Dudley Digges; m. Mary Hubbard, dau of James Hubbard and Elizabeth his wife; children:
    - 55 i Edward Digges, Capt. in the Rev. War, d. without issue. (See pp 95-96 for letter in which claim for money due heirs is set forth.) Military warrants were issued in 1838, 1849, 1853, 1856, 1857 to heirs of Capt. Edward Digges of the Rev. War, son of Dudley Digges, bro of Cole Digges, Esq. Among the heirs were the children of Geo. Purdie Digges, Margaret F. Hogue, and Martha J. Coddin. This compiler has not been able with the data in her collection to identify these last two. Were they daughters of Cole Digges or his granddaughters?
    - 56 ii Dudley Digges, eldest son, d. 4 Feb 1768
    - 57 iii Elizabeth Digges
    - 58 iv Maria Digges; stewardess of Wm & Mary College 1775
    - 59 v Susanna Digges

These children all died without issue. Dudley Digges (#54) and his wife Mary were living in Henrico County in 1729; in 1738 and previously he had lived in York Co. In 1768 he was living in Williamsburg, Va. (location of Wm & Mary College).

60 iv Elizabeth Digges

The first mention of the Diggs family in York County, Va. Records is in 1685, Book 7, p 144, which gives an abstract of his mother's will:

Mrs. Elizabeth Diggs, dec'd Estate with Co. Wm Diggs and Mr. Dudley Diggs, Am'rs.

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EXTRACT OF DUDLEY DIGGS WILL, Book 22, p 69

Dated 13 Jan 1710.

Sons: Edward, Dudley, and Cole

Dau: Elizabeth Son Cole, Ex'r.

To Mrs. Whitley, to buy her mourning the sum of ten pounds sterling. To Mrs. Young the sum of ten pounds sterling. To Mrs. Tillyard the sum of ten pounds sterling.

Witnesses: Arthur Tillyare  
Charles Barrett  
John Marshall

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Col. Dudley Digges was appointed a member of the Council and Auditor of the Colony. On 21 Sept 1699, Edward Digges, "Eldest son of Capt. William Digges of Maryland", conveyed to him the land between Felgate's and Morgan's Creeks, which he described as "Edward Digges Esqrs. plantation" and was generally called the E. D. Plantation until the time of William Digges, Jr. (In "Enquirer" of 1811, Rev. Servant Jones advertised for sale Bellfield 1,000 acres in York Co., the only estate where the famous E. D. tobacco was raised, which never failed to bring in England one shilling when other tobacco would not bring three pence." Gov. Tazewell used to speak of the fame of the E. D. tobacco.) when it is denominated in the deeds "Bellfield." According to this epitaph which is in Latin, he was renowned "Both for virtue and wisdom." His will approved in York Co. Court 20 Feb 1710, gives 12,000 apiece to his sons, Edward and Dudley, and his daughter Elizabeth, and the rest of his estate to his son and heir Cole Digges.

- 52 Col. Cole Digges (see p. 136), b. 1692, d. 1744 in 52nd year, m. Elizabeth Power, dau of Dr. Henry Power of York Co., Va. Children:
- x61 i Col. Edward Digges, m. Anne Harrison
  - x62 ii Col. William Digges, m. Frances Robinson
  - x63 iii Dudley Digges, m. 1st Martha Armistead; m. 2nd Elizabeth Wormeley
  - 64 iv Mary Digges, m. Nathaniel Harrison 25 Aug 1739
  - 65 v Susannah Digges, m. Maj. Benjamin Harrison

Cole Digges, Peter Beverly, and Wm Robertson in St. Georges Parish, Spottsylvania Co., Va., had a grant of 1200 acres 25 June 1722, located in the fork of the Rapidan River and bounded as follows: south side of the Robinson River at a poplar two red oaks and a white oak standing by the Robinson River side against a point of rocks, on the other side of the said River thence S 65 degrees 2 164 poles to three pines and a red oak, etc....Signed A. Spottswood. Book 11, p 147.

16 Sept 1728 Col. Cole Digges took oath as Lieutenant and Commander in Chief of the County of Elizabeth City, Warwick Co. and York Co., member of the Council in 1719, and sometime President thereof.

"At a Council held at the Capitol June ye 12th 1729, Cole Digges Esqr. on his Petition hath livery Granted him to Survey and have a Patent for Eighty foot Square of the Beach below the bank at York Town, adjoining to the place where his Warehouse now Stands for his convenience in Building a commodious Warehouse thereon with leave to extend a Warf of the same Breath into the River for the more Convenience Landing Merchandize. Provided the same do not obstruct or encroach on the publick Landeings or Streets leading to the River." Wil Robertson, Cls. Con.

- 61 Col. Edward Digges b. d 22 Mar 1769, m. 9 Aug 1739 "VA. GAZETTE" Anne Harrison, b. 1719, d. 16 Dec 1775 in 56th year, dau of late Nathaniel Harrison of the Council. Children:
- 66 i Edward Digges, b. 26 May 1740, d. 26 Jan 1741
  - 67 ii Edward Digges, b. 1 Dec 1741, d. 1743
  - x68 iii William Digges, m. Elizabeth Digges, dau of Col. Wm Digges of Denbigh, his uncle
  - 69 iv Cole Digges, b. 11 Oct 1744, d. 20 May 1777 while a member of the House of Delegates "VA GAZETTE"
  - x70 v Edward Digges, b. 22 Jan 1746, d. 29 Oct 1818, m. Elizabeth Gaskins of Fauquier Co., Va.
  - 71 vi Mary Digges, b. 25 Dec 1748, d. 7 Feb 1814, m. Geo Fitzhugh of Fauquier Co., Va. Left 4 children:







- 72 i George Fitzhugh
  - 73 ii Henry Fitzhugh
  - 74 iii Ann Fitzhugh, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Baylor
  - 75 iv Mary Fitzhugh, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Henshaw
- From "Va. Land Office, Richmond, Council Chamber, Dec 31, 1782, No. 8517.

On 7th April 1838 a warrant No. 8517 for 250 acres issued to Susan Royston, Geo. F. Thornton, John Thornton, Mary Ann Royston, Edw. D. Thornton, Wm. F. Thornton, Addison P. Thornton, Elmira Thornton, Ann D. Baylot, Henry Fitzhugh, Ellen Fitzhugh, Ann Maria, Geo. T. Susan, Henry, Laura, Rosalie Heirs of Mary Fitzhugh who was one of the heirs of Edw Diggs.

- 72 vii Thomas Digges, b. 17 Aug 1750, d. 15 Aug 1818, m. and had:
  - 73 i Whitting Digges, m. Sarah Dudley Digges (See #93 later), dau of his uncle Edward
  - 74 ii Dudley Digges
  - 75 iii Lucy Digges, m. Dudley Fitzhugh

No. 8516: on 7th April 1838 a warrant No. 8516 for 250 acres issued to Thos. Diggs heirs, viz: Whiting Digges, Dudley Digges, and Lucy B. Fitzhugh, Thomas Diggs being one of the heirs of Ed. Diggs.

- 76 viii Elizabeth Digges, b. 14 Nov 1752
- 77 ix Hannah Digges, b. 1 Dec 1754, d. 1756
- 78 x Anne Digges, b. 5 Sept 1756, d. 30 Sept 1756
- 79 xi Sarah Digges, m. William Fitzhugh of Fauquier Co. 8 Children.

No. 8518 - 7 Apr 1838 warrant No. 8518 for 250 acres issued to Ann H. Thornton, Thomas G. Gordon, Salley, Dudley, Wm F. Gordon, Lucy Ann Gordon, Maria Gordon, Elizabeth C. Gordon, Sarah B. Edmunds, Edw. D. Fitzhugh, Cole Fitzhugh, Dudley Fitzhugh, H. L. Fitzhugh & Maria Gatlett, the heirs of Sarah Fitzhugh who was one of the heirs of Edward Diggs.

- 80 xii Dudley Diggs, b. 15 Jan 1760; moved to Louisa Co., m. Mary Digges, dau of Hon. Dudley Digges of the Committee of Safety. His deed to Mr. Waller for 179 acres on Felgate's Creek in York Co. acknowledged 21 Jan 1788.

Va. Land Office, Richmond, Council Chamber, Dec 31, 1782, No. 130: I hereby certify that Lt. Dudley Digges is intitled to such proportion of land as is allowed a Lieutenant of Cavalry in the State Line for Military service from 1779 to the present day.

Benjamin Harrison  
Thos. Mereweather.  
Warrant for 2666-2/3 acres issued to Dudley Diggs Feb 18, 1783.

DAR Lineage Bks, Vol 89:177 (1926):

DUDLEY DIGGS b 1769, d 1842, m Mary Digges, his cousin, served several enlistments 1777-1783 in the Va. troops; in 1832 applied for apension and claim was allowed. Born in York Co. Va., di@d Chariton Co., Mo.

The pension papers of Dudley Diggs, S8328, revealed that the pension application was made from Louisa Co., Va., where he had resided since 1791, he was aged 73 in 1832. A grandson, Edward Turner, was given power of attorney to collect the payments, and an affidavit signed by Col. Dudley Diggs, Jr. "a relative" said tht the applicant had served as a Lit. of Cavalry. In 1844, Edward Turner was appointed attorney also to collect the balance of some half-pay still due to the applicant on this service.







A letter from Weston F. Puick (?) dated Apr 23, 1850 from Fayette, Mo. sets forth that Captain (sic) Diggs died in the county of Chariton, Mo., and that Seneca T. P. Diggs, his son, is his legal administrator and that Edward Turner who qualified as such in the county of Goochland, Va., is not recognized by the heirs.

Dudley Diggs had a daughter, Lucy Stratton Diggs, who married George S. Pulliam. Through this lineage Alice Joseph Rankin had membership #88556 in NSDAR.

This compiler thinks that he had a son John who had a son John Marshall Diggs of Louisa Co., Va.; moved from Va. to Shelbyville, Shelly Co., Ky. 1855. His son Dabney W. Digges b. 10 Feb 1837 Shelbyville, Ky., had two brothers: George Washington Diggs, killed at the battle of Belmont, Mo., member of the 7th Iowa Volunteers in Nov 1861; And Edward Andrew Diggs, resided in Tarrytown, New York.

81 xiii Charles Digges (bro #80, preceding page)

Col. Edward Digges of Bellfield, as appears from a deed between Hon. William Nelson of Yorktown, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, ack. in Gen. Court 26 April 1749, was "eldest son and heir" of Cole Digges, Esq. He m. Anne Harrison (9 Aug 1739, dau of the late Nathaniel Harrison of the Council" Va. Gazette). She died 16 Dec 1775 in her 56th yr. The will dated 25 May 1772 and proved 19 Feb 1776 mentions her sons: Cole, Edward, and Thomas Digges, and daughters: Mary, Elizabeth, and Sarah.

York Co., Va. Records, Book 18, p. 149: EDWARD DIGGS, Gent. came into Court and took the oaths to the Government, the oath of a Justice of the Peace for this County and also the oath of a Justice of the Peace in Chancery and subscribed the Teste, and took his place accordingly."

Book 18, p. 157, 18 Nov 1734. EDWARD DIGGES, ESQ. presented in Court a commission under the hand of the Hon. Wm Gooch, Esq. Lieutenant Governor, appointing him the said Digge Lieutenant Colonel of his Majestys Malitia of Horse and foot in York County and accordingly he took the oaths of the Government and subscribed the Test."

Col. Edward Digges was a Member of the House of Burgesses and died 22 Mar 1769.

68 William Digges (see p 137), b. 29 Dec 1742, d. , m. Elizabeth Digges, dau of Col. Wm Digges of Denbigh, Warwick Co., Va. Children:

82 i Frances Digges m. William Summer; left 3 children; one m. a Porter; dau Elizabeth m. Reb. Ben Riddick of Suffolk

83 ii Elizabeth Digges m. \_\_\_\_ Faulkner

84 iii Edward Digges

William Digges, by the death of the two first Edwards, shortly heired Bellfield. He became Justice of the Peace; in 1773 the sheriff of York Co.; was a member of the Conventions of 1775 and 1776 from York Co.; became involved by the Revolution and in 1787 sold Bellfield to William Waller and moved to Newport News where he was the sheriff of Warwick 1799 and 1804-7; member of the House of Delegates from Warwick 1790-91, 1802, and 1805.

70 Edward Digges (see p 137) b. 22 Jan 1746, d. will dated 27 Oct 1818, proved 23 Nov 1818 Fauquier Co., Va., m. 11 June 1775, Elizabeth Gaskins, b. 2 May 1756, d. , dau of Col. Thomas Gaskins. Children:

85 i Thomas G. Digges, b. 9 Apr 1779

86 ii Edward (9) Digges m. Ann Eustace Gaskins 30 Mar 1798. Children:

87 (10) Charles Wm Digges, m. Elizabeth S. McClenachan 18 Apr 1833, had:

88 (11) James McClenachan Digges m. Emily Serymer 18 Nov 1863

89 (12) Charles Wm Digges m. Ida Rucker

90 (13) Thomas Henry Digges m. Elizabeth LaForge

91 iii William Henry Digges b 24 June 1791, d 29 Mar 1832

92 iv Ludwell Digges b 14 Apr 1796, d 4 Mar 1836

93 v Sarah Dudley Digges b 24 May 1793 Stafford Co., m. Whiting Digges #73

94 vi Poria Digges b 11 Sept 1795







Commonwealth of Va. Land Office, Richmond, Council Chamber, 31 Dec 1782:

No. 8515--On 7 Apr 1838 a warrant No. 8515 for 250 acres issued to Edward (cousin of Cap'n) Digges heirs to-wit: Thomas G. Diggs, Edward Diggs, Sarah D. Diggs, Porte Diggs, John B. Diggs, Elizabeth G. Diggs, Allen N. Diggs, Elias W. Diggs, William H. Diggs, Catherine L. Diggs, Sally P. Diggs, Anna C. Diggs & Ludwall Diggs, Thomas Diggs being one of the heirs of Ed. Diggs.

- 62 Col. William Digges (see p 137), b. 4th child of Col. Cole Digges, d. m. Frances Robinson, dau of Maj. Anthony Robinson and Diana, his wife, of York Co. Va. The will of Maj. Robinson was proved 7 Feb 1756 and of his wife Diana 15 Feb 1762. They mention a son Starkey, daughters: Ann, Martha, Mary, a son-in-law Thos Everard, clk of York Co., and granddaus: Frances Everard, Susannah Digges, and Mary Cole. Children:
- x95 i Major Cole Digges, b. 1754, m. Mary Purdie
    - ii son, name unknown
  - 96 iii Mary Digges, m. Wm Hill and had:
    - 97 i Harriet Hill, d. unm
    - 98 ii Ariana, m. Miles Cary of Pear Tree Hall, Warwick Co. and had:
      - 99 Ariana Cary, m. J. F. Kuper
      - 100 Catherine Cary, m. James Powers of Richmond, Va.
    - 101 iii Henry Hill, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Francisco
    - 102 iv Frances Hill m. Bassett Calvert
  - 103 iv Elizabeth Digges m. Wm Digges (see #68, see p. 139) of Newport News, son of Edward and his descendants
  - 104 v Susannah Digges
  - 105 vi Lucy Digges

Col. William Digges was Burgess, Justice of the Peace, etc., from Warwick Co., Va. Later of Fauquier Co., Va.

- 95 Major Cole Digges, b. 1754 Warwick Co., Va., d. will proved 27 Aug 1817, of Hanover Co., Va. at time of the Revolution, m. Mary Purdie who d. 22 Feb 1826 aged 59, dau of George Purdie and Mary Robinson. Children:
- 106 i William Digges, d. in service during War of 1812 at Black Rocks, Mich.
  - x107 ii George Purdie Digges, m. Malinda Richards
  - 108 iii Mary Digges, m. John Johnson, grocer of Richmond, Va.
  - 109 iv Frances Digges, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Lyne
  - 110 v Martha Digges
  - 111 vi Elizabeth Margaret Digges

Cole Digges studied at Wm & Mary College; was major of Cavalry during the Rev. War; member of the House of Delegates and Virginia convention of 1788; Military warrants were issued in 1838, 1846, 1849, 1853, 1856, and 1857 to heirs of Capt. Edward Digges of the Rev., son of Dudley Digges, bro of Cole Digges, Esq. Among the heirs were the children of George Purdie Digges, Margaret F. Hogue, and Martha J. Goddin. Were these last two the daughters of Cole Digges above mentioned?

Warrant No. 5351 - Va. Land Office, Richmond, Va.:

Cole Digges is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Lieutenant of the Continental Line for three years service. Samuel Coleman

Council Chamber Dec 19, 1807, W. W. Cabell

Warrant No. 5351 for 2666-2/3 acres issued to Cole Digges and delivered to ~~Edw~~ Henry Lee the 19 Dec 1807.







DAR Lineage Bks, Vol 6:143 (1894):

MAJOR COLE DIGGS (1754-1817) was a member from Hanover County to the Virginia Convention and in 1781 served in the cavalry; m. Mary Purdie

Vol 19:78 (1807)(sic)

COLE DIGGS (1754-1817) served as Cornet of first Continental Dragoons 1777 and resigned 1778, born Warwick Co., Va., d. Hanover Co., Va.

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107 George Purdie Diggs, m. 1818 Malinda Richards, dau of Maj. Benj. Richards of Fredericksburg, and the adopted dau of her uncle, David Michie of Albemarle Co., Va. Children:

112 i William Cole Digges, d. an old bachelor in the South

113 ii David D. M. Digges, d. 1878, m. Martha Price of Green Co. and had:

114 (1) Edward Digges, now in Tex 1907

115 (2) Dudley Digges " " " "

116 (3) R. D. Digges of Va.

117 (4) Lucy Digges, m. Dr. Hurt, son of Judge Hurt of Galveston, Tex.

118 (5) Ida Digges, m. T. W. Miller of Roanoke City (NDAR #5413),  
dau of David Dudley Michie Diggs #113

119 (6) Cornie (sic) Digges, m. John C. Pendleton of Albemarle Co., Va.

120 (7) Martha Price Digges, m. Richard West Moore of Washington, D.C.

121 iii Lucy Digges, m. Dr. R. V. Dice

122 iv Sarah Digges, m. Geo. Crawford Miller

123 v Mary Wyatt, m. John C. Wood and had:

124 i Malinda Wood, m. N. W. Berkeley of Danville, W. Va.

125 ii Georgella Wood, mmm., of Charleston

George Purdie Diggs served in the War of 1812; in the Texas War with Mexico and was with Gen. Houston at San Jacinto. He was the patentee of making oil from cotton seed.

George Purdie Diggs wrote this letter to his son:

near Washington, Texas, June 15th, 1836.

My Dear Son,

I have been engaged in fight with the Mexicans almost ever since I wrote you last.

I am now about marching against the Hostiles, and, after we whip them, I shall take possession of my 5,000 acres of land which I am now entitled to; and the quantity I shall be entitled to for my services I will give you provided you like Texas, when you see the perfect Paradise of a country.

I will write you immediate upon going home to business. I wish you could come here with Mr. A. B. Breedlove, who I have written to also by bearer of this letter. I am without anything but land and stock, but I do not fear making what I want. Please remember me respectfully to Capt. E. Allen and tell him I am going ahead here in the most beautiful field of operation ever before beheld.

I am my dear son, Your Friend and affectionate father,  
George P. Diggs.

Ref: Wm S. Diggs Ms. loaned to compiler by Dr. John Beals, Winchester, Ind.  
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- 63 Dudley Diggs (see p 137), b. 1729, d. 3 June 1790 age 61, Yorktown, Va., m. 1st Martha Armistead; m. 2nd Elizabeth Wormley, dau of Ralph Wormeley of Rosegill. Children (1st marriage):
- x126 i Cole Digges, m. Martha Walker
  - 127 ii Patsy Digges, b. 10 Aug 1757, m. 1780 Capt. Nathaniel Burwell of the Artillery ("Va. Gazette" d. at her residence "Rustic Lodge" in Botetourt Co., Va. 2 Nov 1848). They had:
    - 128 i Nathaniel Burwell
    - 129 ii Thomas Burwell
    - 130 iii Patsey Burwell
    - 131 iv \_\_\_\_\_ Burwell, m. Col. Harvey of Botetourt Co., Va.

On the 3rd day of June 1840 Warrant No. 8814 for 250 acres issued to Patsy Burwell, one of the heirs of Edward Digges, late a Captain in the State Line, #55, p 136.

Children (2nd marriage):

- 128 iii Elizabeth Digges, b. 17 May 1761, m. Dr. Robert Nicholson of Yorktown
- 129 iv Mary Digges, b. 3 Mar \_\_, m. Dudley Digges of Louisa Co., Va., son of Col. Edward Digges of Bellfield
- 130 v Dudley Digges, b. 6 Apr 1765, m. Alice (Page) Smith, dau of Gov. John Page and widow of Dr. Augustine Smith. One child:
  - 131 i Elizabeth Digges m. Hugh N. Pendleton
- 132 vi Lucy Digges, b. 13 Oct 1771, m. John Stratton of the Eastern Shore.
  - 133 i Dau, m. a Parker
  - 134 ii Dau, m. Parker. She was Mrs. Ann G. Parker
- 135 vii Judith Wormeley Digges, b. 5 Sept 1777, m. Andrew Nicholson and buried in Richmond 1859. Daughter:
  - 136 i \_\_\_\_\_ m. Rev. Geo. Woodbridge of Richmond. Left children.

Dudley Digges, 3rd son of Cole Digges, was appointed Colonel of horse and foot 19 Sept 1748. In 1749 he was receiver of Military fines for York, subsequently member of the Council, lawyer by profession, and died aged 61, 3 June 1790 (Calendar of State Papers).

"I do hereby certify that a Telescope belonging to Dudley Digges, Esq. which was left in my care, was delivered to Major Washington, aid to the Marquis de la Fayette, sometime in June 1781, and that the said Telescope has not since been returned.

Js Madison"

(The above item was found in the Wm S. Diggs Ms.)

DAR Lineage Bks, Vol 29:265 (1899):

DUDLEY DIGGS (1730-1790) was a member of the Virginia Convention 1776; buried at Bluesfield (should be Bellefield or Bellfield) near Williamsburg where there is a memorial pew in the parish church; m. Martha Armistead. NSDAR #28727.

- 126 Cole Digges (above) m. Martha Walker, sis of Col. Wm Walker who commanded a regt. at battle of Hampton in June 1813. Children:
  - 137 i Martha Digges m. John Goodall and had:
    - 138 Cincinnatus Goodall

Warrant 9219 for 166-2/3 acres issued 28 July 1849 to Cintinnatus Goodall heir of Martha Goodall, formerly Martha Digges, heir at law of Capt. Edward Digges of the Va. State Line & No. 9220 for 83-1/2 acres issued to Robt. B. Bagly assignes of the aforesaid Cincinnatus Goodall. (Va. Land Office, Richmond Va. Council Chamber)







138 ii Betsy Digges, m. Roscoe Cole

139 iii Lucy Armistead Digges, m. Major William Lightfoot of James City Co., Va.

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References: Wm S. Diggs Ms. in possession of Sarah (Bonnell) Minor, Richmond, Va. (1950), also one loaned by Dr. John Beale, Winchester, Ind., whose wife was a Diggs; Wm H. Degges Ms., uncle of Sarah (Bonnell) Minor. See Introduction to this genealogy.

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Excerpts from "Cincinnati Enquirer" 10 Jan 1932, from article written by Frances M. Smith (Eleanor Lexington) "About Our Ancestors":

EDWARD DIGGES came to Virginia in 1650 and purchased 1,200 acres in York Co. He is the common ancestor of all the name and of the lineage....Edward was the second Colonial Governor of Va. and member of the Royal Council. His son Dudley was Councillor and Auditor of Va. Colony. His son, Cole, was President of the Va. Council. His son William was active in affairs in 1776 and his brother Dudley was one of the well-trained leaders who guided Va. during the stormy days of '76. He was on the committee to draft the Bill of Rights and a constitution for the Old Dominion. He has the title Captain Dudley Diggs, and Major Edward Digges is another who served in the Rev. War. For his services in the army he had a grant of 4,000 acres in Va. (See pp 95-96 for letter pertaining to this land)

"The salary of Gov. Edward Diggs, as Chief Executive of the state, was 25,000 pounds of tobacco worth L250 sterling.

"To go back to England to the family seat, in Kent, when the Digges, called "ancient and considerable" had one of the show places of the county, Chilham Castle, built by Sir Dudley Digges, whose wife was Mary Kempe. They were the parents of Edward, Va. Colonist.....Over the entrance of Chilham Castle is the legend "The Lord Is My House of Defense and My Castle," followed by his name and that of his wife.

"It was Dudley Digges, mentioned above, who made the connection with the Cole family. He married Susanna Cole, and their son Cole, as said above, was President of the Council.

"It was a daughter of Cole Digges, Susannah, who married into the Harrison family. Her husband was Benjamin Harrison and her brother, Edward Digges, married Anne, dau of Nathaniel Harrison. Other related families of this line include Fitzhughs, Powells, Gaskins, Ruckers, and McClanahans. The patriotic family, Robinson, of Virginia is also closely connected.

"A word about the Cole family. Their arrival in Va. antedates that of the Diggs. It was in 1629 that William Cole was a member of the House of Burgesses. Possibly he was the colonist. His son, William, was Secretary of State in 1690. Sixteen years previously he was a member of the Colonial Council. William, the Secretary, married first Anne, dau of Gov. Edward Digges; second, Martha Lear. His son William was a Burgess in 1718, and also Deputy Receiver General in 1718 the Colonel of Militia.

"Warwick County was the Cole home, and tombs in an old cemetery are engraved with family armorials. A cross lozengy with the crest of a dexter hand, is one emblazonment. When it comes to records, one Cole genealogy has the year 200 A. D. for a starting point.

"William Digges, whose home was on the Potomac, was one of Washington's most intimate friends and neighbors. On Aug 15, 1799, Washington notes in his diary, "Mr. Thomas Digges dined here." Upon another occasion, "Miss Digges and her niece Miss Carroll dined here."

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"The armorial bearing in use for centuries in the Digges family of Kent is blazoned:

Gules, on a cross argent; five double headed eagles' heads, erased sable. Two crests: (1) an eagle's leg, couped at the thigh sable, issuing therefrom three ostrich feathers, argent; (2) a double-headed eagle's head, erased sable.

Motto: "Che sara sara" ("What will be will be")

NOTE: all the above is taken from a clipping attached to the manuscript by Wm S. Diggs of Winchester and loaned the present compiler by Dr. John Beals of Winchester, Ind., in 1949.

From Wm S. Diggs Ms, pp2 29 "Beaties of England and Wales," Vol 8, on Kent:

#### CHILHAM CASTLE

"Immediately adjoining to Godmersham Park, on the north, is CHILHAM PARK, the seat of James Wildman, Esq. a West Indian by whom it was purchased of the late Thomas Heron, Esq. brother to Sir Richard Heron, Bart. This gentleman, under the authority of an Act of Parliament, had himself purchased the Honour, Manor and Castle of Chilham, with their appurtenances, from the Colebrooks, who in 1724, had bought them of Col. Thomas Digges, a descendant from the celebrated Sir Dudley Digges....Sir Dudley erected the present mansion which was completed for his residence about 1616; it is a venerable brick edifice, but singular in its form, which is an irregular polygon. The upper windows command some fine views over the vale of the Stour, and adjacent country.

"At a short distance from the house towards the northwest stands the remains of CHILHAM CASTLE, concerning the origin of which a great deal of hypothetical argument has been advanced....That it was built upon a site which had previously been occupied by the Romans, and perhaps antecedently by the Birtons, is extremely probable, but that the present Keep was ever the residence of King (sic) Lucius, or Hengist, or Widred, is an assertion which the construction of the edifice itself completely refutes. That the Romans had some building upon this spot is evinced by the following passage from Philipott, 'When Sir Dudley Digges digged down the ruins of the old Castle, to make space for the foundation of that exact and elegant house which he there erected, there was the basis of a more ancient building discovered; and many economical vessels of the Roman antique mode traced out in that place.....'"

Dabney W. Digges, while in England in 1875, visited Chilham Castle and the Manor of Sir Dudley Digges. The Castle is still standing and in good repair, the lead roof being the same as originally put on, bearing the names of initials of visitors as far back as the early part of the 17th century. The name "DUDLEY DIGGES" is carved in the stone lintel of the main entrance to the Manor House, with a verse from the Psalms. The Manor is very extensive, the land visible from the roof of the Castle to three points of the compass belonging to it. The employees of the Manor with their families...composing the entire village at the entrance of the Manor...numbering about 1300 persons. A Chapel on the Manor near the Manor House contains a memorial statue."

The following letter is from Miss Annie Laurie Diltz, Washington, D. C., to Calvin W. Digges, Winchester, Ind. and quoted in the Wm S. Diggs Ms., p. 12 (at that time, the Diggs family of Indiana thought they were descendants of this family, but they are in reality descendants of the Degge family of Gloucester Co., Va.):







Washington, D. C., Oct 15, 1892

Cousin Calvin,

"One week ago yesterday Aunt Lou, Cousin Harriet Moorman and I went to the Diggs farm, the first American home of the Diggeses. We hired a carriage and drove out through the Soldiers Home Park and took the Rock Creek Road which winds about through what was once the baronial estate of our common ancestor, Dudley Digges, Esq. of Chilham Castle Manor....

"The 4,444 acres included in the 'Chilham Castle Manor' estate are the most arable we have seen for miles about the District and it is an 'beautiful for situation' as the famous Arlington Cemetery....

"Six hundred of 'Chilham Castle Manor's' loveliest acres belong to 'Uncle Sam' and he has generously built thereon a 'home' for his loyal sons.

"The old Manor built of English brick was torn down many years ago, and in its place arose the modern stone mansion of the present owner, Mr. Riggs. The housekeeper conducted us about the place and pointed out the objects of special interest of Diggeses; the graveyard north of the house where the family was buried, and also Major L'Enfont, the Engineer who planned the cities of Washington and Indianapolis; and the large business of box which were set out more than one hundred years ago by a member of the Digges family. An aged colored man a former slave of the Digges told the housekeeper when she went there, that he had witnessed the planting.

"Nov. 22 - I waited to finish after calling on Mrs. Dr. Morgan, nee Digges, who is the fortunate possessor of several family portraits which I wished to describe to you, and the call was not made until Columbus Day, when Pa (Andrew Diltz) with a letter or introduction from Mr. Dudley Carroll Digges (the direct heir to the title) presented ourselves at Mrs. Morgan's residence...entertained by her account of the portraits and a few 'bits' of family history which she related to us. The portrait of Sir Dudley Digges was painted in 1678 and represents a middle-sized man of dark complexion, brown hair, beard, and eyes, dressed in brown velvet, and wearing one of those immense embroidered collars tied with a cord and tassels such as are often seen on portraits of Shakespeare, in fact the whole portrait reminded me very much of Shakespeare's portrait. William Digges, Mrs. Morgan's grandfather, in a scarlet coat and lace ruffles, and his bachelor brother Thomas in a blue gray coat were painted by Sir Joshua Reynolds, in 1778 were brought to America by Thomas Digges, William and Thomas were rather small, thin men of fair complexion, blue eyes and light brown hair. Mrs. Carroll, whose mother was a Digges and her two daughters were painted by the artist Copley, and are dressed in the square necks, elbow sleeves, long-pointed waists of a century ago. They are tall, thin and dark, and have dark almost shaped eyes. The last and most beautiful of the collection is a young girl (a Miss Kemp) whose blonde hair and blue eyes reminded me of Nellie's hair and eyes, and was painted by West. An engraving of Chilham Castle made in 1777 shows it to have been a grand place. On the margin of the picture was the family crest (an eagle's claw) and coat of arms, viz: a shield with three storks or herons. It was so dim we couldn't tell which, and Mrs. Morgan didn't know it was there until we discovered it.

"Mrs. Morgan has a photograph of Chilham Castle restored which her son brought from England two years ago."

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About 1851, it was learned in Virginia that the English heirs of Sir Dudley Digges were extinct, and the effort was made by the descendants of Gov. Digges (Edw.) residing in Virginia to obtain possession of Chilham Castle and its estates. The Maryland Digges, descendants of Col. William Digges, Gov. Edward Digges' eldest son, have, however, the prior title under the law of entail.

(See letter dated 18 Mar 1855, pp 95-96, for another effort to collect money by Diggs descendants.)

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Mark Diggs Esqur  
Winchester P O  
Randolph County  
Indiana

Miss. Chichasaw county May the 28th 1851

Dear Sir your favor of the first of this month came

To hand the 24th which gave me great satisfaction to hear

From you all once more and in compliance of your request

I have taken my pen in hand in order to try to scribble a few  
Lines in answer to your letter as it respects my knowledge of  
your relations Robert Willson I have never seen since

he left the old country but I frequently hear from him he is  
living in Kemper county in this state so I am informed and has been  
for a number of years I heard one of James Everetts sons say that he  
Staid all night with him last winter and he said that they were  
All well and that they were geting along in the world very well  
Which I have understood be fare from others and I have also  
Been in formed that he has quit using ardent spirits to an  
Excess and has become not only a moral but a religious character  
I have also understood that his wife only got about six hundred  
dollars of her Brother Williams Estate

Samuel and Dudley Diggs are living not far from us they and  
their families are well as far as I know at this time

Dudley's wife died some five ~~years~~ or six years ago

Dudley's boys and a man by the name of Hathaway came very near  
Breaking of him up

Your cousin Sam'l Diggs is I am of the opinion is not making of  
property very fast or at all at least not more so than some of  
his neighbors though he has sold but one negro since he come  
to this state

I was up in Tennessee las spring and I was at old aunt Betty Diggs's  
Several times while I was up there the old lady was as well







And could go about as well or better than could be expected  
of a person of her age I also staid one night with Elisha Diggs  
And his new wife his family were all well then like wise  
Benjamin H Diggs and family and Johns Widow and children  
were all well then as also was John Walls, Kit Clarks and  
Benjamin Clarks families all well

Well now for the Everetts.  
During the years 48 and 49 I lived with John Everett some 18 or  
20 months Xhe has made some property since he left Carolina  
I think he has some 12 or 14 black people he has been married  
twice since he came to this state he had one child by his first  
Wife and by his second wife five James and Thomas are living near  
to him they are all living in Yazoo county nob far from  
the Yazoo City about 120 miles from where we are living  
I was down there in the winter to see them I left there ~~towards~~  
towards the last of January they were all well at that time  
Nancy Warren and her son Thomas came out to Johns  
And she staid there about three years and they went back  
to Georgia to Clarissa

I received a letter a few weeks since from Carolina which in-  
formed me that aunt Lydia Diggs had departed this  
life some month or two before it was wrote it also  
stated that the old man was in his usual state  
of health

Brother Benjamin departed this life the third of  
May 1850 and his younest daughter the last day  
of last ~~xxx~~ march Martha wishes you to say to friend  
Thomas that Benjamin received the tract and the



And would you please to tell me better than only to explain  
of a person of his age - I should think you might wish to know  
and his own wife - his family will all stand by him  
Dorothy's 8 days and nights - and I have been waiting  
and all right now - and also my dear mother, the only one  
Dorothy's sister - Dorothy's all well.

Well now for the business

During the time it was in the I think with some friends was in  
So perhaps the day will now be more than in the morning  
I think it will be in the afternoon - he was not  
Taken after the time in the state - he was not in the  
With and he was known with the - I have not heard of it  
In the year we all lived in the house - and the  
The house only about 10 miles from where we now live  
I will now write to the friends of the house - I will now  
Dorothy's 8 days and nights - and I have been waiting  
and all right now - and also my dear mother, the only one  
Dorothy's sister - Dorothy's all well.

In Dorothy's letter

I received a letter from Dorothy's sister - she was  
telling me that she was in the house - and I was  
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of Dorothy

Dorothy's sister - Dorothy's all well  
My dear Dorothy - I have been waiting  
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Dorothy's sister - Dorothy's all well



Letter that he wrote to him and said that he would answer his letter but his ~~had~~ hand was so tremulous that he did not like to undertake it

Well Mark we are living here in a <sup>poor</sup> part of the country our lands here will not produce grain like yours but we have a great deal of very good land and I have thought that we enjoy our Selves better and see more satisfaction during the wet and cold season of the year here than you can there and if it [was] not for cotton corn and Meat would sell as low here as it d[oes] with you

Owing to the raising of cotton and l[ast] year being a bad crop year corn is worth one dollar per bushel and And bacon twelve and a half cents a pound cash

And [ ] as to wheat there is but very l[itt]le of it [ ] about here people prefer raising cotton

Buy [ ] their flour from you northern people

These lines leave me and the family in our usual state of health hoping that they will find you and Relatives all in the enjoyment of good health

I would like for you to write when ever convenient and let Me know how [you all are tell the] others to write give my best respects to your father and to all

your brothers and sisters and to friend Thomas and in word to all that I have any knowledge of and accept of the same to your self yours &c.

To Mark Diggs

Michell Moorman







A Partial Account of An ITINERARY Of Nathan Thomas  
of Wayne County, Indiana in 1843.

Quakers had been interested in securing and using non-slave grown produce as early as the 1820's. In the Middlewest there was a particular impetus given this movement by Levi Coffin's influence among Quakers in Indiana-Ohio region. The story of this activity is interestingly detailed by Ruth Nuermberger in The Free Produce Movement (A Quaker Protest Against Slavery), Duke University Press, 1942.

Nathan Thomas was actively interested in the Free Produce Movement, as well as other Anti-slavery activities. Nuermberger relates (page 65) that Coffin wrote to the American Free Produce Association in Philadelphia in 1845 that "his neighbor, Nathan Thomas, had in (1843 and) 1844 visited relatives in northern Mississippi where he found such cotton available in various places." Ibid page 68 (1846): "In the same county (Marshall County, Mississippi) Nathan Thomas's (wifes) uncle, Pleasant Diggs, would build a gin ..., while a neighbor, William Crow, expected to buy a farm having a gin.... William McRay of Oak Ridge in the same county was ...sure of obtaining at least two hundred bales..."

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The original of this INTINERARY is owned by Frances Peacock, Sue Bennett College, London, Kentucky. It contains 17 pages (4 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ). Stamped on the cover "Davenport (Iowa) National Bank" and written "B B Thomas" -probably Barclay Thomas, son of Nathan. This booklet was secured by Clarkson Peacock, father of Frances, somewhere in Iowa. It is obviously a copy of the original as Nathan's spelling was much worse than this copy.



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# Some Thomas Family Genealogy.

Benjamin Thomas b. 1 9 1783 prob in South Carolina, son of John & Molley  
d. 8 22 1851 (from cholera), buried at New Garden, Wayne Co  
m. 10 23 1806 at Piney Grove Friends meeting, South Carolina

Anna Moorman b. 2 26 1788 daughter of Zachariah & Mary  
d. 9 13 1861 (or 8 12), buried at New Garden, Wayne Co., Ind.

## Their children:

Gilaelma Thomas	b. 11 21 1807 d. 10 1 1839	m. 12 21 1826 Jesse Bogue
Nathan Thomas	b. 9 11 1811	(see below)
Betty Thomas	b. 9 3 1813 d. 4 4 1879	m. 7 24 1828 Cyrus Puckett
George Thomas	b. 4 1 1814 d. 12 28 1902	m. 8 1833 Asenith Hill
Hannah Thomas	b. 1 4 1816	d. 3 10 1841 never married
Mary Thomas	b. 8 22 1817 d. 3 9 1900	m. 11 5 1840 William Peacock
Clarkey Thomas	b. 4 22 1819 d. 4 12 1887	m. 7 2 1846 John Wright Johnson
Achsah Thomas	b. 4 10 1821	never married
Benjamin T Thomas	b. 9 24 1822 d. 7 4 1871	m. 5 4 1848 Penninah Howell
Anna Thomas	b. 10 10 1826 d. 6 3 1901	m. 1857 Eli Hayworth
Ruth Thomas	b. 4 29 1828	d. 4 6 1829
Eli Thomas	b. 7 4 1830	d. 1920 never married

Benjamin Thomas and family removed from South Carolina to Wayne Co., 1811.

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Nathan Thomas	b. 9 11 1811 prob in Wayne County, son of Benjamin & Anna d. 8 22 1851 (from cholera) buried New Garden, Wayne Co, Ind m. 10 19 1831 White River Friends meeting, Randolph Co., Ind
Caroline Diggs	b. 12 13 1813 So. Car., daughter of Littleberry & Lydia d. 2 20 1845 buried New Garden, Wayne Co., Ind m. 12 1 1846 Civil marriage Wayne County
Ann (Clevenger)	b. 1812 Ireland, widow of Samuel Reynolds d. 1 13 1886

Children of Nathan & Caroline: Henry b. 8 12 1832; Ahira b. 7 15 1833; Ermina b. 10 2 1835; William b. 7 1 1837; Lydia b. 8 29 1839; Barclay b. 7 1 1841. Children of Nathan & Ann: Joseph b. 1847 & Benjamin b. 1849. In 1846 Nathan was disowned by New Garden Monthly Meeting for joining with the Anti-slavery Friends.







1st day 5th (Sunday, November 5th, 1843) Traveled 24 miles put up at Middleton's a private house. Fine people. Paid 50c which seemed reasonable. We paid \$.25 the night previous. Started early, traveled 28 miles to J Covington's where we found a kind reception. The General was not at home.

2nd (Monday 6th) the General came home and seemed very glad to see us, said he was a Quaker in principle and had tried to get some of them to settle with him in his county. He has about 40 Slaves and every thing this world can afford. but has not joined any religious society. I think he is uneasy and very restless. He treats his Slaves as well as any I have seen. The women have their own house concerns such as cooking making clothes &c for the family. He says he studies a great deal about Slavery.

4th the 8th- When we talked of Starting, the old man would not hear of it at all, so we concluded to spend another day with him. Gave him some Tracts for which he seemed very thankful. Also some to his Daughter that lives in New Orleans, who rec'd them kindly. She is Married to a Lawyer. She comes up to her Fathers every summer for health. She is an intelligent & kind sort of a Woman -Theyall seemed very much taken with the state of society in our Land and frequently say they think no people so happy as those that Labor and are all about on an equality. The Old Man has one son here now that has just arrived from Europe, he has been in France & Italy for about six years Studying Languages and Medecine. Another here now who has been practicing Law for several years till recently. He has commenced to Farm on a Large scale. He appears to be a fine Man. I have a great deal of Satisfactory conversation with him on the Peculiar Institution.

5th day- Started on our way. The rain commenced falling soon after we started and rained all day. In the evening we passed Shakertown- a splendid Town 14 miles from Bowling Green, thence to One Bone 20 miles from B where we found very nice people. The man said he had been Overseer for 14 years. Said he had sinned his conscience many times. He seemed willing now to Labour for its Overthrow. Pd. 25c.



Let me tell you, however, that I have been very

much interested in the work of the

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6th day morning- about 9 oclock started on, the roads very bad. An Old Man came up to us and after some conversation asked if I was not a Preacher. I told him we were Quakers. What! said he, the old fashioned Quakers. I told him that was what we professed. Well, said he, your Coat does not look like theirs. I had on my Overcoat, So I opened my overcoat and showed under one. Well, said he, that looks like it. Said he was raised among them in N.C. & road by us a considerable distance. Seemed very much interested. At last road up to us and took us by the hand desiring that we might meet in another world if we never met in this.

Went 9 m to Russelville a considerable town, thence to a Public House. 20m

7th day- paid 3.72. The weather stormy. This day we saw a man tied with a long rope and a man hold of one end on horse back, and the poor fellow on foot. Oh how Awful the sight. The Poor Man looked dejected and friendless, while the young men that had him seemed as if they had done a great thing. We enquired the cause, they said that he had run away. Went 28m this day. Stopped at One Bucks in Tenisee. Pore posissing people they went to duty invited us but left there There Black out of there words were good(sic). I had some plain talk to them about the general duties of man to his fellow man in order to promote each others hapiness. When we left them they seemed kind and wished us a fine journey. the woman said she wanted to go to our State and if she did she should come to see us. Paid 3.72 cts.

1st 12th- The Morning frosty. Went 28 m to Dover Crossing the Cumberland River. Went by the iron Works, over some large hills, the land today poor and barren.

2nd- The morning frosty. Started very early. Went 15 m to the Tenn River The Boat is on the other side of the river. Caroline is smoking and I am writing while the boat is there. (There) is a fire here for the People to warm by in the absence of the Boat. it is a large horse boat. Traveled 29 m our horse seemed poorly and we stoped at one Jas Oliver's six miles from Paris. Paid 75cts and went on to Paris. Heard that Uncle Ply was Deceased. Went to his widows where







we rested some days.

7th day- went to town to look for a Letter but was disappointed. Where I met with Tristram Thomas who would not let me off from going home with him on no other consideration than to come shortly and take Caroline. I also met with several of the Webbs that gave invitation and others among whom was one swain. Said he had been watching me and had found me to be a Quaker from my dress, very much desiring me to go and see his wife and her Mother, said they were Quakers which seemed very pleasant to me. I promised that I would.

1st day- Went to Elish Diggs. Spent the day with him. had a fine visit talked a heap on matters & things, much to my satisfaction.

2nd day- Went again to town for letters from home. Disapt. Went to Cousin Tristrams where we were very kindly received, he is fixing to move to Lexington Tenn to live (with) his son in law. In the evening went to see the Quaker before mentioned, when we went in we found the young woman low with consumption. the old woamn went out, but soon returned with a waiter and several glasses of Cherry Bounce and offered to us, but we refused it. Upon inquiry we found them to have belonged to Friends in Virginia but long since moved from among them. They use the plain language which is about all the appearance of the Quaker. In Conversation I found them to have been of Hicksites. So our Expectations were spoiled.

3rd day- Went to see Cousin Lesa Thomas, a widow and poor. had a very pleasant visit as is usual in such cases, better to visit the house of Affliction than of Laughter.

4th day- Went to J. Walls where we had a kind reception

6th day- Went to Kit Charles. Found him to be a cousin of my Father and his wife to my mother. Very fine People, he is an exception to any I have found on this side of the river.

3rd day 26th (Tuesday, November 26, 1843)- Started for the Miss. went 15m to Henry Fields a nephew of Aunt Betsy's, she being with us, and her Granddaughter







-Caroline Diggs of Miss. A fine man. I think he is in good circumstances but has no slaves. Hico Post. Carol Co. Tenn

4th day- Aunt Betty poorly and went back home. Caroline Diggs got in the carriage with us. The roads bad and I walked most of the time. We went 24 mi to Wm Mares paid 50cts

5th day the 1st of 12mo- Weather wet traveled 15 mi to Gabriel Anders, where I saw a barn with Treading floor for the first in this State. Paid 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts.

6th day- Went 3 mi to Jackson Crossed the Forcaden came to large cane swamp with a Turnpike bridge a mile in Length paid 25cts. Traveled 27 mi this day to Forts Tavern. The sun shines today first in about a week. the land broken and thin. paid 50cts. the Blacks looked well.

7th- Went 4 mi to a Pike. Paid 25cts. Saw a Steamboat, the captain kindly invited us on board And shewed us all the curiosities. Went through Boliver 1 mi farther. went 23 mi to S. Mitchel. this morning frosty and the ground some Frozen. Had a long chat last night with an old Predestinarian on matters & things. Paid \$1.00 this morning.

1st day 4th- went 3 mi to Lagrange, saw a grove of Pine Trees for the first Went 21 mi to Robert Walls son of Jno Walls of Tenn. Staid all night when we went to start he requested me to come and stay some with him and see if he could not not convince me that his slaves was better off than our free colored.

2nd day- Went through Holly Spgs, a town of about 2500 people. to the widow Diggs the mother of Caroline, the lady with us. she had not been home before her Father died. It was a trying time with her and the Family when they met. Stayed there some days to rest, earnestly watching the P.O. but could not hear from home. That and other things kept Caroline (his wife) in very low Spirit so much so that there was no time for me to Complain or murmur.

1st Day 10th- At Pleasant Diggs went a berring (sic) there is no meeting in these parts. the 1st days seemed lonesome. had a close chat last night on Matters (with) 4 men and they (were) resolute against me before we were through.







they seemed very calm and left the field to me

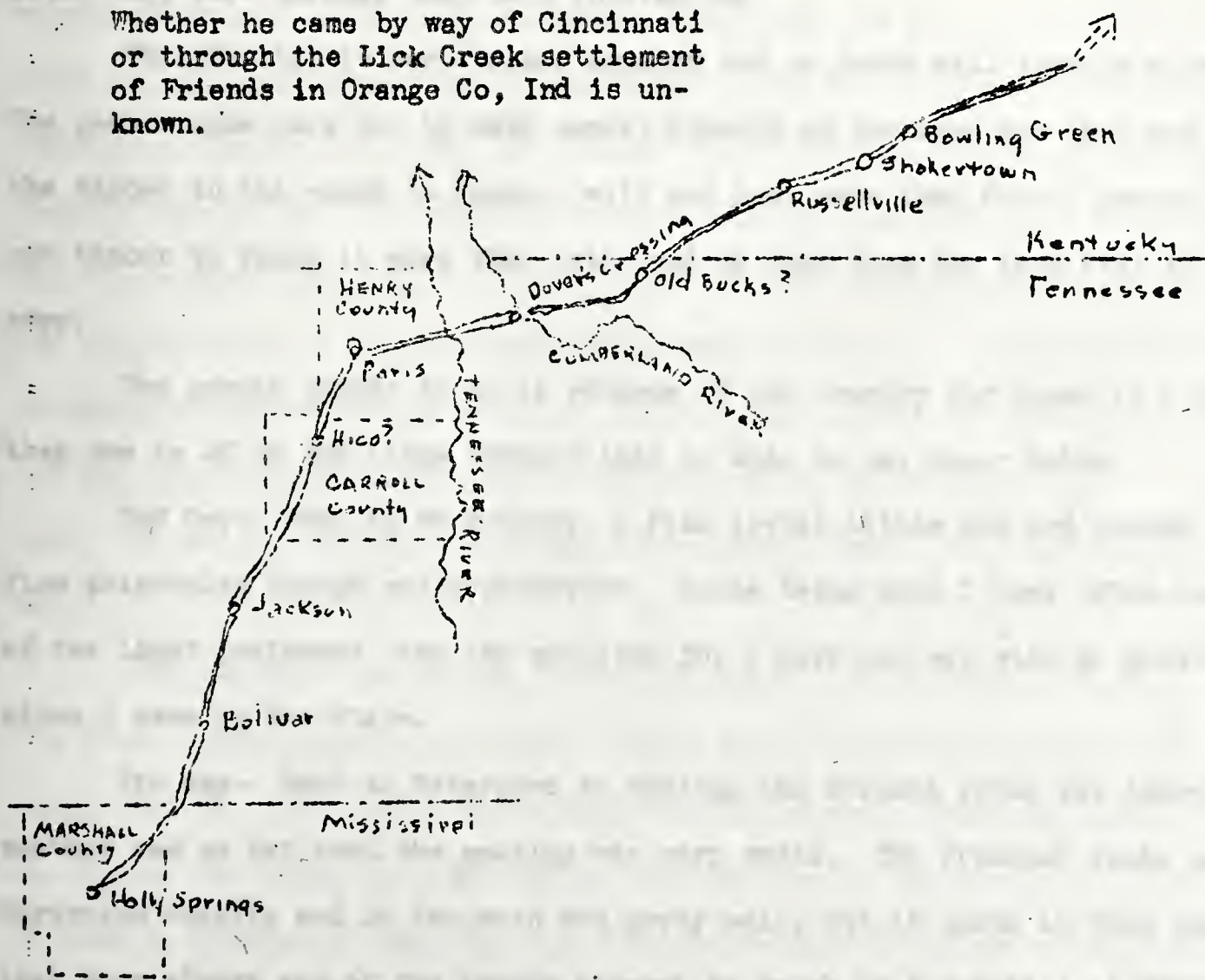
2nd day- had a frolick, then went to Henry Renolds, a cousin of Blind Benj. Moorman who wanted me to see him and tell him how they were doing. his children was married and living here and John has got very well off. a hard driver- raised 100 bales Cotton with 10 hands, corn, wheat &c

4th day 13th Carolines birth day 2 mo since we left home. C is gon a Visiting to Cousin Wm Diggs in their settlement. a short time since a Blackwoman put her child in the cradle and went in the field to work. Soon the smoke was seen pouring from the house. they went but the child was burned to death.

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#### Map of the Itinerary.

Whether he came by way of Cincinnati or through the Lick Creek settlement of Friends in Orange Co, Ind is unknown.





They passed very early and left the ship to be

and they had a trouble, and went to some trouble, a somewhat small

boat, however and would be to get the boat and the boat was small

colored and wanted to bring him and the boat was small and

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At Jno Renolds, rec'd a letter from Wm Kelly which was satisfactory

6th day- Went to Holly Springs. Wrote a letter to W. F. (K?) in answer. With Widow Diggs. Put up at Drewry Mims and neighbors. I think the greatest scale I ever saw, so think there is something to be learned in almost any situation that we are placed in. Staid in town all night, returned to the Widow's next day. I went to Waterford to enquire for letters. Got acquainted with Dr. Allen, the P. Master found that I was a Quaker and earnestly requested me to come and spend some time with him.

1st day 7th- Went to Quarterly Meeting among the Methodists, heard an eloquent discourse by the Elder. The House was nearly full, the Blacks were assembled in the Woods and went and talked with to them.. after preaching they Administer the Sacrement, the Whites first then the poor Slaves were invited in after they were through they were invited out.

This Country is very broken country and no doubt will soon be a poor one. The people came here for to make money, Cleared up the Land now they are cutting the timber in the woods to fence. will not last more than 6 or 7 years. There is not timber to fence it more than twice and by that time the land will be washed away.

The people appear to be in advance of the country for there is not more than one in 20 of the Large Farmers that is able to pay their Debts.

2nd Day- Went to Wm M Ceray, a fine jovial Little man and seemed to have fine principles though not a professor Since being here I have often to think of the Light professed And the publican for I have not met with so great faith since I came in the State.

5th day- Went to Waterford to Meeting the Circuit rider was there. the weather was so wet that the meeting was very small. The Preacher spoke on Christian Charity and in the main did pretty well, but it seems in this country that when almost any of the People attempt to speak on the duties of Professors there one point left out, and the second duty of Man is the part left off



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While one of the essentials of Christianity is left off it is not strange there is so much vice and sin

7th day morning returned to the Widow Diggs. Spent the day picking cotton.

1st Day- Retired to the woods where I can meditate alone, as I have had to frequently. the pleasure of doing out of the noise and bustle is frequently here. Oh. that my eyes were a fountain of tears that I could weep day and night for the Daughters of the Slain of my People. How long Oh Lord wilt thou suffer thy holy name to be so wickedly blasphemed: Tis true the church is in a wintry state, her barrenness and poverty are great. Now while my Family at Home are preparing for Meeting, I am here in this Solitary Abode all alone with the exception of one kin my bosom wife. I envy them not, this is so great a Privilege, but content with my lot fully believing that if its rightly improved it will be to my Advantage and if by example or otherwise we may be made the instruments to benefit any of his suffering poor, we shall be paid bountifully - tongue can not tell pen cannot describe, neither can the heart of Man conceive the miseries, the degradation or the most heartrendering agonies of a portion of this unholy People. Oh! could we of that happy land be brought to any actual sense of things then all our difficulties in Society would be brought to a close. All Christians would be harmonious together and we would go forth a mighty army not with carnal weapons but our weapons would be the spirit of truth which is sharper than a two edged sword. Oh may thou hasten this day that every man shall love his neighbor as himself.

2nd day 25th- Christmas. Heard of some letters at Holly Springs. Went for them. Saw a considerable bustle and a great many black people, that seemed pretty lively. the custom is to give them Christmas. Returned to the Widow's. Dr. Macome was there for a settlement he had attended on Cousin Harry 11 days or came to see once a day, for that time and stayed all night a few nights. He lived about 1 Mile his charges was \$82.50 which is not very much difference from common in this country.







3rd day- Went with cousin William and Leisy m. Cray to one of the neighbors house and had a fine dinner. His name is Benjamin Fitzhugh, very kind and friendly people.

4th- Went to wait on the Talahatche river put a letter in the office for Jno Baude. Went in the river bottom to Canebrake and got some canes and pipe stems, returned and at night saw some difficulty which was very trying to us. We bore it as well as possible till it was over and all be came calm. When we took up the great question and was favored to get a handsome Victory, much to the relief to our minds.

5th day 28th- Spent the time in Shoemaking and helping, this has been our practice when we stop a day or two to go to work at least to handsomely pay our way and in Soldering. I have had I think a better place with the people and peace of mind in thinking that we are ought of Debt.

6th day evening went to Pleasants and J. Renolds overseer came in and commenced talking about how he could drive the niggers and Caroline took it up and gave him a complete pealing. He acknowledged he thought that the devil would get nearly all the people have.

1st day spent the day at Pleasant Diggs. A very rainy day. While there there came in an Old Baptist man. Caroline had a close talk with him on different subjects among the rest, on predestination &c.

2nd day New Years day. Went to Holly Springs in company with P Diggs. There was a Great many people there and saw many blacks sold at Public Auction. Some of the first was young men. They did not seem to mind it much. Then there was some families came up to the Court House of justice so cold and took their seats on the front of the porch. The weather was wet and cold. The Mothers wept freely while the small children were crying and the Fathers seemed in great agony It was a trying sight to behold families thus separated. I was anxious to see the last of the Sales and kept as near as possible, when I did not have to retire to give vent to my feelings. The scene was a tremendous perfume as though there







had been a barrel of Brandy busted.

3rd day- commenced a job of pailing for the widow Diggs and kept at it through the 7th Went with some of the family to Meeting.

\*\*\*\*\*Account ends here.

Pasted in the back of the Booklet are two obituaries:

BETTY PUCKET, died at her residence in the town of Rush, Jo Daviess county, Ill., on the 4th day of April, 1879. Betty Puckett was aged 69 years, 2 months and 26 days. The funeral took place on Sunday, April 6th...the sermon was delivered by Rev. Daniel Bond. In his discourse he alluded especially to her strong anti-slavery sentiments in those days when it required no small degree of courage to speak boldly against human bondage, and to render aid and comfort to fugitives from slavery, which she did both in Indiana and Illinois. Buried beside her husband who had died nine years before. The deceased was a native of South Carolina, but emigrated with her parents, Benjamin and Anna Thomas, to Wayne Co., Ind where they were pioneer settlers of that State. (They were members of the Society of Friends). In the year of 1828 she united in marriage with Cyrus Puckett at New Garden, Ind. They lived in Indiana 20 years after their marriage, emigrating to Illinois in 1848. She was the mother of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters; eight of whom are still living.....

AHIRA HAWORTH, second son of Dr. Eli Haworth, (of May Port, Fla,) departed this life on the 24th (of May 1871), in the eighteenth year of his age. after a long and protracted illness. One brother and sister. His remains are interred at St. Pablow....



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